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## THE BIG FIGHT.

How Dempsey Knocked Out Sharkey.

## DISPUTE OVER STOMACH PUNCH.

## What Official Slow Motion Pictures Show.

Jack Dempsey has put himself into direct line for a championship fight for the world's heavyweight title by knocking out Jack Sharkey in the seventh round. The ex-champion, according to the cabled description below, staged a wonderful comeback and has reasserted himself in popular favour.

The disputed body punch was a fair one, according to the referee and the slow motion pictures.

New York, July 22.—Dempsey knocked out Sharkey in the seventh round.

Forty powerful arc lamps, focussed on the centre of the open-air arena, threw up the ring in bold relief against the darkness.

Before the start Sharkey was favourite at 7 to 5, but Dempsey was made favourite at 11-10 when the contestants entered the ring. They were cheered by 80,000 spectators.

Both exerted every ounce from the beginning. Sharkey twice drew blood, and raised a bad cut over Dempsey's right eye, but the former champion was unperturbed and kept honours fairly easy to the seventh, when he knocked down Sharkey with a sledge-hammer right.

## The Victor's Smile.



Jack Dempsey.

The Bostonian, on rising, encountered a heavy blow to the stomach, and a right smash to the jaw floored him again. He tried to struggle to his knees on the count of nine, but swayed and fell almost senseless, flat on his face as the count concluded.

### Dramatic Recovery.

Dempsey was clubbed by a series of hooks and upper cuts which left him reeling and groggy at the end of the first round but then made the most dramatic and popular comeback in ring history.

Eighty-two thousand spectators, representing G.S.1,100,000 in gate-money were delirious with excitement when their blood-hospitested hero who in a decisive win showed himself a new man from the one defeated by Tunney last year.

After the first round, when Dempsey's supporters had almost given up hope, he fought back most doggedly ignoring Sharkey's ripping hooks and jabs which cut his face, lip, and cheek causing him frequently to spit blood.

He defied Sharkey's youth, speed and craft and obtained a bulldog grip during the third to fifth by a concentrated attack on the body, in which his arms worked piston-like and unflinchingly, and thus paved the way to victory.

### A Protest.

In the sixth round he delivered three smashes to the head and then

### Slow Motion Verdict.

The official slow motion pictures showing the action in the seventh round of the fight reveal that the disputed blow was apparently quite fair.—Reuter's American Service.

### BEFORE THE FIGHT.

#### Sharkey's Training.

It is reported in boxing circles that \$400,000 has been placed on Jack Sharkey at 6-5 to defeat Jack Dempsey.

The heat compelled Sharkey to taper off his training one day sooner than he had expected. He has been working out daily on the roof of Madison Square Garden in a specially constructed ring. He is a favourite with the crowd that watches his daily workouts.

Reports from Dempsey's camp at White Sulphur Springs are all favourable but rumours that the former champion is not up to his old form will not be suppressed.

Division of Spoils.

The fight took place at the Yankee Stadium, New York and was scheduled for 15 rounds.

The winner of the bout will meet Gene Tunney in September, according to the contract both men fought under.

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## NAVAL PARLEY.

### BRITISH CABINET'S LONG SITTING.

### DELEGATES SUPPORTED.

London, July 21.—The Cabinet held the longest sitting since the day of the coal stoppage to consider the problem arising out of the Geneva Naval Conference. It only broke up because several Ministers had week-end engagements to the country. Those Ministers directly concerned will again meet during the week-end and next week.—Reuter.

### POSITION FULLY EXPLAINED.

London, July 21.—Reuter learns authoritatively that to-night Mr. W. C. Bridgeman and Lord Cecil fully explained the position in regard to the Naval Conference to to-day's Cabinet meeting and were assured of the Government's full and unanimous approval of the line they had taken.

They will return almost immediately to Geneva after probably having further consultations with the experts in London.—Reuter.

[According to a British Official Wireless report the meeting of the Cabinet lasted three hours and a quarter.]

## BUSH PATIENTS.

### NOVEL MEDICAL AID SCHEME.

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Rugby, July 22.—An advanced and romantic system of giving medical aid to the isolated interior of Australia will be put into operation shortly as a result of co-operation between the British Medical Association and the Australian authorities.

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## ROYAL PARTY.

### TEN THOUSAND INVITATIONS ISSUED.

### FAREWELL TO PRINCES.

Rugby, July 22.—The Royal garden party was held at Buckingham Palace to-day. In previous years two garden parties have usually been given at the Palace during the season, about 6,000 invitations being issued for each, but for to-day's party over 10,000 invitations had been issued and there was a record assemblage of distinguished guests.

The party was to some extent in the nature of a farewell to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales who leaves for Canada to-morrow with H.R.H. Prince George and the Prime Minister.

The King of Egypt and the President of Liberia were present.—British Wireless Service.

## PEACE BRIDGE.

### BRITISH PARTY'S MOTORING TRIP.

### TO MEET GENERAL DAWES.

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### TYphoon Warning.

The following typhoon warning was issued this morning:—The typhoon has crossed Northern Luzon in the form of a shallow depression. It may increase in intensity in the China Sea.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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## BORODIN AGAIN.

### ARRIVAL REPORTED AN KIUKIANG.

### UP-RIVER JOURNEY.

London, July 21.—Occupation of Foreign Premises.

Kiukiang, July 22.—M. Borodin arrived to-day from Kuling, which appears to be the summer resort of the Hankow party leaders. He was accompanied by Mrs. Frohne. Shortly after arrival Borodin proceeded up-river (presumably to Hankow) in a Chinese steam launch.—British Naval Wireless.

### CONSULAR PROTEST.

Chinkiang, July 22.—The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, on receipt of a protest from the Consular representatives, has made representations to General Ching Kai-shek and to Dr. C. C. Wu regarding the occu-

### OUR \$50 PRIZE.

### Reminder to Cross-Word Puzzle Competitor.

The twelfth cross-word puzzle of the "China Mail" new series appears to-day for the last time, and competitors are reminded that their entries must reach the "China Mail" Office, No. 5 Wyndham Street, not later than noon on Monday next. The thirteenth puzzle of the new series will be published on Monday.

### SOVIETS RELEASED.

General Chiang Kai-shek Intervenes.

Shanghai, July 22.—It is officially stated that six Russians arrested aboard the "Henil" were to-day released by order of Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

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Marquis de Jigny, a Deputy, gave the following account of the incident:

The Governor of the prison received a telephone message at mid-day to the effect that the Government had decided to release Daudet, Delest and Semart, and instructing him to arrange to liberate them as undemonstratively as possible.

The Governor telephoned to the Minister of the Interior for confirmation; but Royalists intercepted the call, and told the Governor that M. Saraut was out, but that his private secretary was seized.

One of the Russians arrested was formerly personal adviser to General Chiang Kai-shek.]

South and North.

Shanghai, July 22.—Referring to yesterday's statement from Nanking, Chinese and Foreigners are bewildered.

Reuter's Peking correspondent says that the Southern delegate is undoubtedly in Peking, and that peace negotiations are proceeding, but unsatisfactorily.—Reuter.

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The pilot was uninjured but the machine was badly damaged.—Reuter.

### FLYING CROSS.

### ECHO OF FLIGHT TO HAWAII.

### LIEUTENANTS HONOURED.

Washington, July 22.—Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger have received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Mr. Frank Kellogg, representing President Coolidge, in recognition of their flight from San Francisco to Hawaii.—Reuter's American Service.

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## INDO-CHINA.

### VARENNE'S APPOINTMENT RENEWED.

### POLICY SUPPORTED.

Paris, July 22.—The Government has renewed the appointment of M. Varenne as Governor-General of Indo-China for ten months.—Reuter.

### ALLEGED SCANDALS.

Paris cables of March 19 reported:—

The Government has decided to send a commission to Indo-China to investigate the alleged concessions scandals.

Until this commission has completed its labours, no fresh concessions will be granted, while those existing will be suspended.

In the Chamber of Deputies, M. Outrey, Deputy for Indo-China, interpellated the Government for the promotion in the Legion of Honour of M. Sabatier, Civil Servant in Indo-China whom he charged with brutality and depravity.

Whilst admitting M. Sabatier's ability as an administrator he said that he had been a veritable king in the Darlac district of Annam for fifteen years.

The Communist leader, M. Cachin, criticised the grant of concessions in Indo-China resulting in the alleged cruel exploitation of the natives.

The Colonial Minister, M. Perrier, entirely exonerated M. Sabatier. He left M. Varenne, Governor-General of Indo-China, to deal with the question of the grant of a valuable rubber concession to M. Maihot, one of his friends.

M. Varenne strongly defended his policy. He declared that unless the Chamber fully supported him he would resign.

The Chamber adopted a resolution expressing confidence that the Government would follow a policy of progress and close co-operation with the natives and secure to the French Treasury all rights in granting exploitation concessions.—Reuter.

The Chamber of Deputies, by 360 votes to 150, expressed confidence in the colonial policy of the Government.

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The Governor then released the prisoners, who were utterly unaware of the reason of the release. Semart, who is Secretary-General of the Communist Party, in an interview, said that the Governor came to his cell, told him that he was free and ordered him to get ready to leave the prison in half-an-hour.

Semart protested that he did not want a pardon which did not include M. Monnouss, Secretary-General of the Confederation General du Travail Unitaire; but the Governor was insistent and went to his cell, and told him that he could not say anything more.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th July to 8th August, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hong Kong, 24th June, 1927.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 22nd July to WEDNESDAY, the 3rd August (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary, Hong Kong, 14th July, 1927.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following persons have been appointed to hold office as from January 1st, 1927:—

LOUIE WAI-SUN, Managing Director.  
LOUIE LEUNG, Treasurer.  
LAM MING-FAN, Secretary.  
L. G. CHONG, Manager.

No PURCHASE contracts can be recognised by this Company unless signed by at least two of its Directors.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LAM MING-FAN, Secretary, Hong Kong, 18th July, 1927.

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## PROF. SOMBART'S ORIGINAL VIEW.

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We are, he said, faced with a strange paradox. War has always existed, and, in his opinion, must always exist. But the development of the technique of war may reach a point when war will no longer be possible. In modern war human beings, singly or in the mass, have become merely material to be annihilated, and the nations possessing the means of mass-murder must sooner or later realise the aimlessness of wars of annihilation, which would react as harmful on the victor as on the vanquished.

On this point Professor Sombart advances a bold suggestion. He suggests that war will revert to the form it took in the days of chivalry, when man was measured against man, sword against sword, and courage against courage. This idea may appear unduly romantic, but it is the logical consequence of the conditions brought about by over-civilisation. Man in general, is incomparably

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## SHIPPING SECTION.



## ABANDONED.

## CREW TAKEN OFF THE "HOMESTEAD."

Bombay, July 22. The American steamer "Homestead" has been abandoned by the crew who were taken off by the "Aungban," which is proceeding to Bombay.—Reuter.

[The s.s. "Homestead" was on Thursday reported to be sinking.]

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall Basin, Wild Swan; South Wall Basin, Onslaught and Moorhen; East Wall Basin, Sublime and L19; North Arm, Wishart and Seraph; West Wall Dock, Vindictive; In Dock, Delhi; Tallow Dock, Foglance; Kowloon Dock, Emerald; Buoy 1, Hermes; Buoy 8, Dauntless; Buoy 12, Marziz; Buoy 18, Futhera; Buoy 19, U.S.S. Helena; Buoy 25, Kharaki; Kowloon Anchorage, Portol; A.25 Buoy, War Afridi and Belgol.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex m.v. "Remo" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after July 24.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Kabing" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after July 25 will be subject to rent.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Comeric" are reminded to take delivery of their goods before July 26.

Consignees of Cargo ex the s.s. "Amazon" are asked to send in their claims to the Agent before July 28.

Goods arrived per s.s. "Benledi" remaining undelivered after July 28, will be subject to rent. Consignees of Cargo please note.

Mr. N. Norvalla, chief officer of the s.s. "Daviken" has been appointed master of the s.s. "Solviken" in place of the late Capt. Jentoft, who died yesterday morning as a result of wounds inflicted when the vessel was pirates on Wednesday.

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The fact that two ships of the same name have gone to the scrap-heap together, although there was an interval of 14 years in their date of launch on the Clyde, is accounted for by the difference in the methods of the Spanish and British companies.

MESSRS. ALEXANDER HALL AND CO., LIMITED, ABERDEEN, HAVE LAUNCHED A STEEL SCREW HOPPER BARGE NAMED "CLEARWAY," BUILT TO THE ORDER OF THE JAMES DREDGING, TOWAGE AND TRANSPORT COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.

Definite plans were completed recently for the organisation in Charleston of a maritime association. A charter has been applied for, and as soon as it is received the association will be formally organised. The organisation will be known as the Maritime Association of the Port of Charleston. The purpose of the organisation is to establish standardised customs for Charleston, customs which will be recognised as being general for the entire port.

## FAMOUS B.I. LINER.

## OLD "TARA" GOES TO BREAKERS.

Close on the heels of the sale of the British India liner "Tara" to shipbreakers, her predecessor in the name, a ship which has been equally well-known under the British and Spanish flags, has sailed for the same last port. She was built in 1889 by Messrs. Ingalls, of Glasgow, for the British India Associated Steamers and was a single screw ship of 4,713 tons, driven by a triple expansion engines at a speed of 15 knots. She was conspicuous for her big coal capacity and comfortable accommodation, being built for the service which the British India

Line ran to Queensland with mails under an agreement with the State Government.

This was a service on which accidents of varying importance were constantly occurring, but the "Tara" was very tolerably lucky, and was certainly one of the most popular ships on the run, keeping with her time from the London river with train-like precision.

In the year 1894 the Compania Transatlantica were augmenting their fleet very considerably, partially because the Spanish subsidy system had given them the opportunity of opening new lines and partially because the number of their liners, which had been taken up as auxiliary cruisers, to maintain a blockade of the Cuban ports during the long drawn out revolt, had left the company very short of tonnage.

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The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the tide-predicting machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobeck during the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

July 23 to 29, 1927.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. "Mishima Maru" from Manila on July 21 were:

Mr. G. Sadhuan, Mrs. C. Box, Mr. A. Fernando, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Malloch, Mr. Law Poo, Mr. Lee Chun, Mr. Tong Ong, Master Mano Ong, Miss Peler Ong, Mrs. M. Herrera, Mr. Mu Yi Yap, Mr. E. S. Ostrando, Mrs. A. Hughes, Miss A. Sydenham, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ross, Mr. E. Parios, Mr. Tin Tel-mai, Mrs. M. Rey, Master D. Rey, Mr. Y. Kusiba, Mr. D. P. Williams, Mr. K. Miyawaki, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bromley, Mr. W. C. Cain, Mr. J. B. Evans, Mr. J. E. King, Mr. B. Mangat, Mr. N. Nakajima, Mr. T. Nagase, Mr. R. Nagase, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. E. Thurlow, Mr. and Mrs. T. Yamazaki, Mr. K. Yamamoto, Mrs. K. Yamamoto, Mrs. S. Yamaji, Mr. T. Utsuki, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Ogawa, Mr. A. Matsumoto, Miss I. Cook and Mr. G. Sadhamal.

## DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by the s.s. "Mishima Maru" on July 22 were:

Miss Thurlow, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. E. Grimble, Mrs. Maitland, Mr. Evans, Mr. T. Sakurai, Mr. Matsumoto, Mr. C. Cain, Mrs. Y. Seki, Prof. and Mrs. J. Smyth, Mr. Tadakuma, Mr. T. Nagase, Mr. Nokojima, Mr. and Mrs. Highleyman, Rev. Magan, Rev. King, Mr. and Mrs. K. Matsuo, Mr. Yamamoto, Rev. Yamaji, Mr. Muneting, Mrs. Yamasaki, Mr. Y. Shibata, Mr. and Mrs. Ogawa, Mrs. Ida Cook, Mrs. Rey, Mr. and Mrs. Yamamoto.

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## SAILINGS 1927.

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept.	

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NYANZA	7,022	3rd Aug.	Straits & Hornby
KASHIAR	9,005	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
M'CALPIN	16,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	17th Sept.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
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ARAFURA	6,060	29th July	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
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GAIBETA	5,227	28th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	9th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	19th Aug.	Shanghai
NAGPORE	5,223	30th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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## AN EMPIRE LAW.

## AUSTRALIA'S COASTAL SERVICES.

## THE NAVIGATION ACT.

The annual conference of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Commonwealth, held at Perth as usual dealt with a number of important subjects of interest to the commercial community, not only in Australia, but also in Great Britain.

In his presidential address, states the "Financial Times" correspondent at Perth, Mr. J. M. Dunlop revived the question of the amendment of the Navigation Act, and said that "some radical change is this is overdue. Among the important things that go to make up the life of a nation, few are more essential than suitable lines of communication for its citizens, goods and mails. When one knows that in 1913 there were 43 coastal passenger vessels, of a tonnage of 166,556, and that in 1926 there were only 13, of a tonnage of 64,116, one realises it is no wonder our national life suffers, and that some of the States which are the more dependent on seaborne intercourse are feeling the burden too great for them."

## Free Intercourse.

In this connection two resolutions were passed by the conference. One declared "that, in view of the restricted shipping services since the passing of the Navigation Act and the limitation of free intercourse between the States resulting therefrom," the Commonwealth Government should amend the Navigation Act, with the object of facilitating the coastal trade. The second resolution asked for an alteration of the requirements of the Navigation Act permitting British vessels to engage in those portions of the Australian coastal trade where exemptions do not already exist, provided that fares on vessels to be exempted should be higher than the fares charged by vessels on the Australian register.

Another resolution asked for a conference in London of representatives of the United Kingdom, the Dominions and Colonies of the British Empire with a view to introducing one shipping law for the Empire.

Several resolutions dealt with the problems of communications, including the revision of the restriction of figures and commercial marks imposed on deferred cables at the recent International Telegraph Convention, and the limitation of code words to five letters. The conference also resolved "that, in view of the fact that the capital expenditure on the beam wireless stations is one-fourth of the capital expenditure on high-power stations, and having regard to the advantages gained by cheapening communications by wireless, the beam wireless rates should be fixed at not more than two-thirds of the prevailing cable rates."

The conference advocated the proposal of wheat shippers that alterations of bills of lading should not be made without reasonable notice and discussion with the shipping companies.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "President Cleveland" of the Dollar Steamship Line will sail from Manila to-day at 5 p.m. She will arrive in Hong Kong on Monday morning, July 25 at day-light.

The s.s. "President Madison" of the American Mail Line sailed from Shanghai yesterday and will arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow. This steamer will sail from Hong Kong for Manila on Monday, July 25 at 6 a.m.

The s.s. "Garbeta" left Singapore for this port on July 19, p.m. and is due here on July 26.

The M.V. "Vimalee" (D. & Co.) is due to sail from Shanghai to-day, and is expected in Hong Kong on July 26.

The s.s. "Calulu" (D. & Co.) arrived in Manila from Rabaul & Australian Ports on July 20, and is expected in Hong Kong on July 28.

The Dollar Steamship Liner s.s. "President Cleveland" will sail from Hong Kong on Wednesday, July 27 at 7 a.m. destined for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

The s.s. "Fiume-L" (D. & Co.) from Trieste, sailed from Aden on July 18, and is due in Hong Kong on August 18.

The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on July 13, and is due here on or about August 19.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:- "Chenonceaux," August 2. "Athos II," August 30. "D'Artagnan," September 18.

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A ship which has had a much more varied career than most big liners, and which made a great name for herself both under the Canadian Pacific and Elder Dempster flags, the "Montcalm," of 1897, has been bought by Norwegian owners, who intend to convert her into a floating whale factory of the latest pattern, and employ her round about South Sandwich Island in the Antarctic, a region which has such weather that her selection is a fine tribute both to her builders and the owners who have taken care of her.

She was constructed by Palmers' Shipbuilding Company on the Tyne in 1897 for Elder Dempster's Canadian service, a service which carried on the old Beaver Line, and which afterwards grew to be the foundation of the Canadian Pacific Atlantic service. Her sisters were the "Monteagle" and "Monterey," the famous "Montrose" was slightly larger.

The "Montcalm" had a gross tonnage of roughly 5,500, and was propelled by triple-expansion engines at a sea speed of 13 knots, while she had a deadweight capacity of 8,000. On trial she made a speed of 13.34 knots, and was always a very satisfactory steamer. In 1900 she was taken up as a horse transport for the South African campaign, carrying over 900 horses of mules at a time and being very fortunate in respect of casualties. At the end of the war she inaugurated Elder Dempster's new service between Avonmouth and St. John, New Brunswick. In 1903 she and her sisters were bought by the Canadian Line, and from that date until the outbreak of war she ran backwards and forwards across the Atlantic.

## On War Service.

She was commissioned for military duty soon after war broke out, and in 1915 was purchased outright by the Admiralty, who intended to fit her with cement and use her as a blockship, but they afterwards changed their minds. In 1916, therefore, they sold her to the Leyland Line, who transferred her to the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. within a few months. She was then renamed "Crenella" and refitted as a tanker, but in November, 1917, she was torpedoed by a submarine off the South Coast of Ireland, contriving to reach port with difficulty. In August, 1918, she was again attacked, but this time the torpedoes missed.

Before the end of the war she was taken over by the Government, but the Anglo-Saxon Company was still allowed to manage her. Oil was very precious in those days, with the result that she was worked back-wards and forwards without rest, and after the war she got into rather poor condition and had to be laid up in the Gareloch.

In 1921 she was bought by Runciman, but they left her laid up in the Tyne until August, 1923, when she was sold to Norwegianians to be converted into a whaling factory. At the time she received the name of "Rey Alfonso," but the conversion was not a very elaborate one. It appears that her new owners' intention is to fit her out according to most modern ideas which permit a whale to be tried out at sea and the sharks deprived of the usual big share of the catch. This involves conversion work far greater than was attempted in the first place, but it saves the export duties on which the Falkland Islands Government have been depending for years.

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Hong Kong, 18th July, 1927.

## A LOST ORDER.

## GERMAN YARD BUILDS NEW SHIP.

While one was sorry to see that Messrs. Burmeister and Wain obtained the order for the first motor passenger ship to be owned by the Adelaide Steamship Co., an order that ought by the nature of things to have come to a British yard (says the "Journal of Commerce") she certainly appears to be quite a noteworthy little vessel. Designed for the passenger coastal trade, she has a deadweight capacity of only 850, but with

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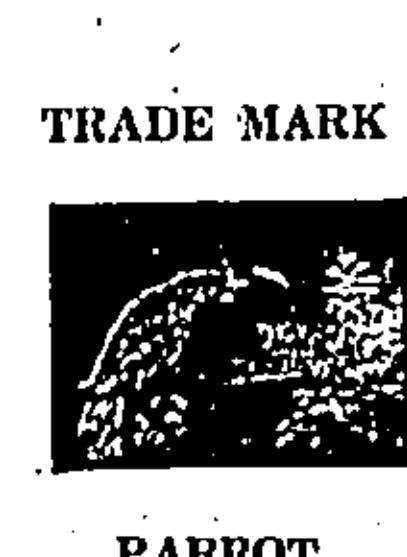
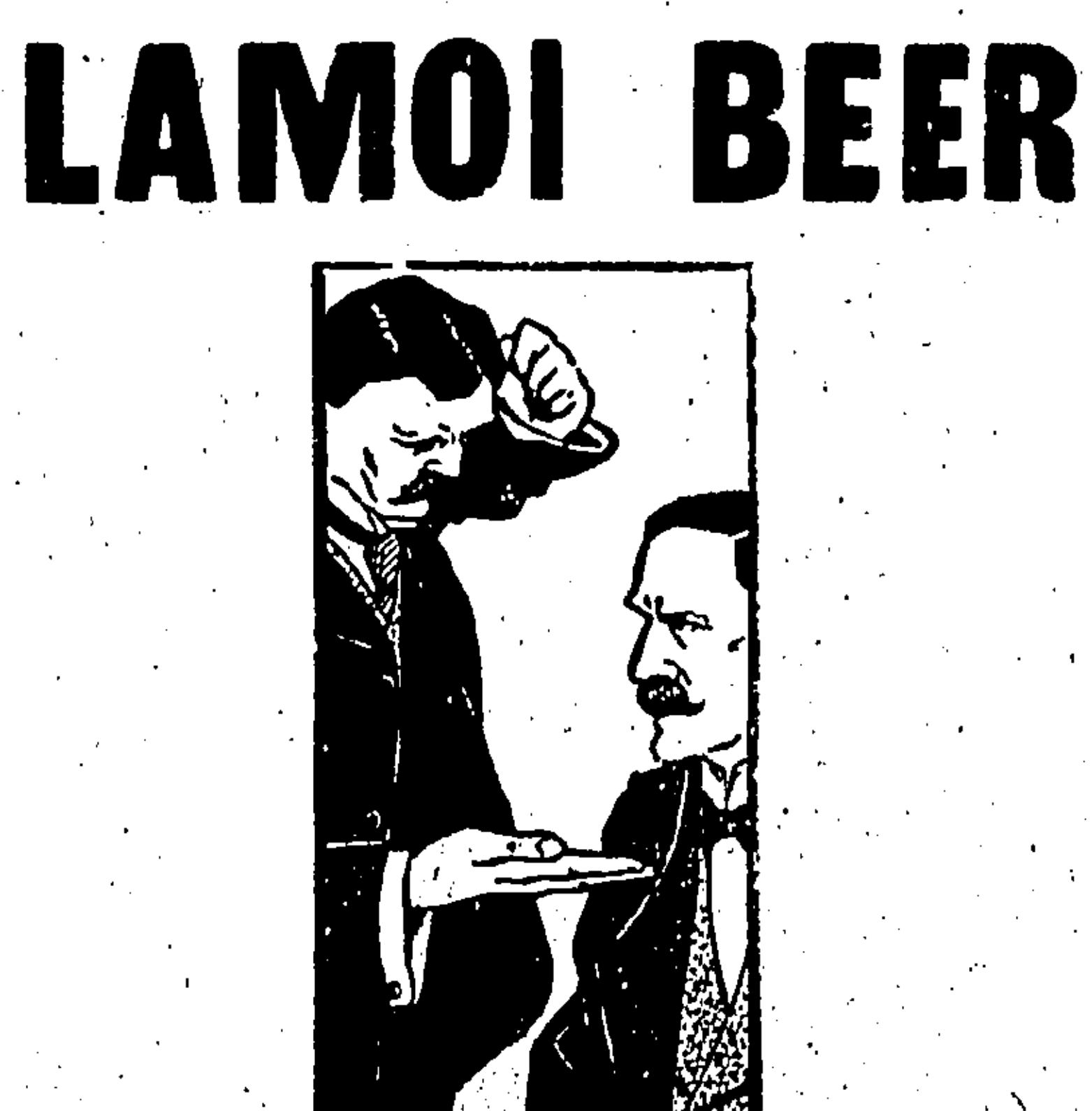
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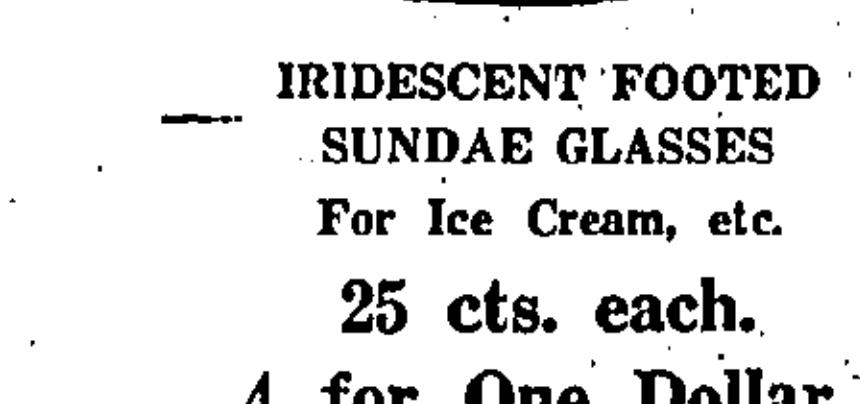
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## DEATH.

WONG.—On July 23, 1927, at Luguan Villa, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, John Chun Wong, an old resident of Hong Kong, in his 77th year, after a brief illness. Funeral on Monday, July 25, the hearse passing The University Recreation Ground, Pokfulum at 3 p.m.

Hong Kong, Saturday, July 23, 1927.

## A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

After four months' immunity from piratical attacks on steamers in Chinese waters, the Bias Bay pirates have returned to their lawless avocation. They are apparently undeterred by the measures taken against them by His Majesty's Navy on March 22; indeed there is more than a suggestion of malicious reprisal either for the action of the Navy or the successful coup of the "Sunning" officers in the callous manner in which the skipper of the Norwegian steamer "Solviken" was repeatedly shot shortly after being awakened by the pirates. He has since died from his injuries, and the Bias Bay fraternity have added another murder to the long list of outrages which stands against their account. For the first time for many years, the pirates appear to have embarked at Hong Kong—by the usual ruse of booking as passengers. They usually fight shy of Hong Kong owing to the careful scrutiny, search and other precautions taken under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance. These regulations, however, apply only to coastal and river-boats and, by selecting an ocean-going vessel as their "prey," the pirates were able to elude the vigilance of the local officers.

There has lately been a growing feeling of dissatisfaction with the Air Ministry in London which has found reflection in the tone of many editorials in the Home papers on the question of Empire aerial development. The question appears to centre round whether or not a Ministry which is also charged with the duties of developing civil aviation can use

fully and effectively discharge military responsibilities. The Royal Navy does not busy itself with the operations which are so efficiently performed by the P. &amp; O. Company; the Army would not engage to run the London and North Eastern Railway Company in normal times. So it is perhaps reasonable to suggest that the Air Ministry is weighed down by a burden too heavy to bear. The possibility of releasing it from military duties, thus allowing it to apply itself strictly to the task of encouraging civil aviation, may before long be considered. In the meantime, it will be some time in 1929 before even the reclamation for the aerodrome in Hong Kong will be completed, and to this must be added the further undertaking of building erections suitable for such an important civil aviation centre. If reform in the Air Ministry is needed, then so far as Hong Kong is concerned, we can afford to wait.

## CAPT. R. JENTOFF.

MURDERED SKIPPER LAID  
TO REST.

"SOLVIKEN" PIRACY SEQUEL.

The funeral of Capt. Rickard Jentoff, the Norwegian skipper who was murdered during the piracy of the s.s. "Solviken" on Wednesday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday evening.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiated and amongst those present were the Danish Consul, Mr. H. Dreyer, representatives of the Norwegian Consulate, Captains and officers of the Norwegian vessels "Solviken," "Norvik," "Daviken," "A. Kielland" and "Havdred," Captain Finn Malm, Mr. Hoar, of the Cosmopolitan Dock, Dr. E. de Souza and representatives of the Fiu Yuen Hong (charterers) and Yee Kee Hong (chandlers).

Among wreaths at the graveside were tributes from "Loving Wife and Children," Mr. and Mrs. Sverre Berg (Consul for Norway), Norwegian Consul, H. Dreyer, (Acting Consul for Denmark), Officers of s.s. "Solviken," s.s. "Daviken," "Helliken," Captain (and Mrs.) Asbjornsen of Alexander Kielland, Captain Jensen, ("Norvik"), Captain Buhre, ("Fuhtal"), Captain Svane, ("Daviken"), Captain Norvolls, ("Solviken"); Thoresen and Co., Karsten Larsen and Co., Wallen and Co., Yee Kee Hong, Missions to Seamen, Fai Yuen Hong; Captains Holm, Kvamme and Hannevig; Messrs. B. Rein, S. Froland, H. Shiu, Kristofersen, Steinhak, Juell, Thoresen, H. J. Wallen, T. Isdahl, E. Grimble, G. G. Hendrikson, A. C. Botelho, R. Johnnesson, Hernansen, Hilsen, G. Grimble, E. H. Ray, Finn Malm, Mr. and Mrs. J. Krogh Moe, Fr. Murer, R. E. Hoar, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Messrs. Næs and Hyer, and the Misses A. M. and E. M. Xavier and K. Gourdin.

## SERVICE OPENS.

LOCAL COMMERCIAL  
RADIO.

MESSAGES TO MANILA.

With regard to the new short wave commercial wireless service which (as reported yesterday) will be opened to-day between Hong Kong and the Philippines for the exchange of ordinary, deferred and Press telegrams, it is learnt that the following rates will be charged:

To Manila, 30 cents per word ordinary; 15 cents per word deferred and Press.

To Luzon Islands (except Manila) and Corregidor Island, 43 cents per word ordinary.

All other islands 75½ cents per word ordinary.

This is the first official short-wave length service started here and the Government are to be complimented on their enterprise in instituting it. Competition is all to the good in that it leads to rivalry for more and more efficient service for the benefit of the community. It is to be hoped that advantage will be taken by the commercial community of this reliable means of telegraphic communication with the Philippines, which has the added advantage of being cheaper than present cable rates.

As Agents for Messrs. Philips, we will be pleased to hear from any local W/T receiving station which was able to listen in to the above special broadcasting programme. Messrs. Philips are further particularly interested to learn at what time of the day the best reception was made.

Yours truly,  
Holland-China Trading Co.  
Hong Kong, July 23, 1927.

## OUR FINANCES.

Revenue and Expenditure.

Balance of Assets and Liabilities on March 31, 1927	\$4,474,923.41
Revenue from April 1 to 30, 1927	1,825,840.97
	\$6,300,764.88
Expenditure from April 1 to 30, 1927	2,140,472.45
	Balance ..... \$4,160,291.93
Assets and Liabilities on April 30, 1927.	
Deposits not Available	\$1,400,076.83
Bank Account	12,788.76
Postal Agencies	14,249.06
Suspense Account	739,562.55
Crown Agents Current Account	8,276.83
Adjustment of Exchange	367,715.66
	Total Liabilities 2,542,668.09
	Balance ..... 4,160,291.93
Assets.	
Subsidiary Coins	\$1,642,268.93
Advances	449,468.15
Building Loans	1,700,659.39
Imprest	63,870.05
House Service Account	10,197.84
Unallocated Stores	
(P.W.D.)	403,897.95
	Total Liabilities \$6,702,960.02
Unallocated Stores	
(Railway)	178,826.06
Investment Account	1,836,053.86
Lorry Haulage, Acc count	9,557.40
	Balance at Banks 413,660.49
	Total ..... \$6,702,960.02

## FEW CHILDREN ESCAPE IT.

Stomach aches, as ineparable from the years of childhood, can become serious bowel disorder if not promptly quelled. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is safe and dependable for both children and grown people. It immediately relieves severe intestinal pain and stops weakening diarrhoea. For sale everywhere.

## P'RAPS—P'RAPS NOT!

Yet another libel:—  
"How is it," the big tobacconist asked the manager of his Aberdeen branch, "that you can sell so few cork-tipped cigarettes?"

"Weel," his manager replied, "folk here dinna like the taste o' coar-rk burning."

"Pa, what's the difference be-  
tween a hill and a pill?""I don't know, my son, unless  
it's that a hill is high and a pill  
is round—is that it?""Naw! A hill is hard to get  
up and a pill is hard to get  
down."—Boston Transcript."The play was "Julius Caesar," and no expense had been spared in the production. But the effect of the assassination scene was spoiled when the trick dagger refused to work, and as Brutus frantically jabbed the unfortunate Caesar with the obdurate weapon a man in the gallery remarked, in a calm, interested voice—  
"Lumme, but 'e's tough!"

"Wat does honesty mean?" asked Cohen.

"Well," replied Isaacs. It's difficult to explain. But if I cashed a cheque for fifty pounds, and got sixty pounds in mistake, that would be honesty."

A Scottish couple, on the eve of Christmas, were discussing the subject of a present for their son.

After much careful thought, the father hit on an idea.

"I know," he said. "D'ye remember, he was a good boy last year, so we bought him a balloon for Christmas. Well he's been a good boy this year, so I think we'll blow it up for him."

A man saw a message and an address on an egg he got for breakfast. The message read:

"This egg was packed by a girl thousands of miles away from England. She is supposed to be the prettiest girl in this neighbourhood, and is prepared to marry the man who eats his egg."

The man cabled her: "I'll marry you."

He received a reply from the girl: "I am flattered by your proposal, but I am now married and have three children."

Sir Frank Benson wanted a certain young man to play at short notice the part of Rugby, servant to Dr. Caius in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," so he wired, "Can you play Rugby? If so, come at once."

The reply he got was, "Coming. Played three-quarter for Blackheath."

A rather pretentious young snob was showing the late Alfred de Rothschild a pair of malachite cuff-links.

"Pretty stone, isn't it?" he said,

"and very rare, too, I believe."

"Yes," replied Mr. de Rothschild. "All my mantelpieces are made of it."

The man in the flat below—Why doesn't your wife sing to the baby when it cries?

The worried father—Hush! She used to, but the people in the flat above sent down to tell us that they prefer to hear the baby cry.

The old gentleman's wife was getting into a carriage, and he neglected to assist her. "You are not so gallant, John, as when you were a boy," she exclaimed, in gentle rebuke.

"No," was the ready response, "and you are not so buoyant as when you were a gal!"

Stationmaster (to irritated passenger, waiting in queue at railway station)—We shall soon put this right, sir.

Irritated Passenger—Ah! At last! Going to put more trains on, eh?

Stationmaster—No, sir. We are ordering some more waiting-rooms.

Little Willie's sister had been very naughty, and her mother declared that instead of punishing the child she would get a good little girl in her place.

But the daughter was not in the least upset.

"You couldn't," she laughed.

Her mother was surprised and asked the reason.

"Because," explained the girl wisely, "nobody would be silly enough to give you a good girl in exchange for a bad one."

## FERRY TENDERS.

KOWLOON CITY, SHAUKIWAN SERVICE.

## A "GAZETTE" NOTICE.

It is announced in the "Gazette" that tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's office until noon on Wednesday, August 31, for a licence for three years for the exclusive maintenance of the ferry service for the conveyance of passengers between Victoria, Hung Hom, Kowloon City, Shaukiwan and Shaukiwan.

The schedule is to provide for not less than one departure every 45 minutes daily from each of the following piers between 5.15 a.m. and 6 p.m.: the Ken Shan Wharf, Victoria; Hung Hom ferry wharf; Kowloon City wharf and Shaukiwan or Shaukiwan wharf.

## Nine Ferry Boats.

Not less than 9 ferry vessels are to be provided of not less than 96 feet overall measurements with suitable beam not less than 16 feet and a speed of not less than 10 knots, fitted with navigation bridge and water-tight bulkheads, etc.

The Kowloon Dock Service which runs between Queen's Pier and the Docks at Hung Hom not being a service run for payment or reward shall not be interfered with or hampered in any way by the licensee; the carrying on of such service shall not be deemed to infringe or affect the rights of the licensee or to give rise to any claim whatsoever by him.

## Rates to be Charged.

The licensee of the ferry or group of ferries may demand and take for every passenger fares not exceeding the following rates:-

Between Victoria and Shaukiwan or Shaukiwan: 1st class 12 cents, 2nd class 7.

Between Victoria and Kowloon City: 1st class 10 cents, 2nd class 6 cents.

Between Victoria and Hung Hom: 1st class 8 cents, 2nd class 4 cents.

Between Hung Hom and Kowloon City: 1st class 4 cents, 2nd class 2 cents.

Between Hung Hom and Shaukiwan or Shaukiwan: 1st class 10 cents, 2nd class 6 cents.

Between Kowloon City and Shaukiwan or Shaukiwan: 1st class 10 cents, 2nd class 6 cents.

## ELIXIRS OF LIFE.

## POPULARITY OF CHARMS IN ALL AGES.

How the ancient processes of mummifying the body, or making an image of a king, conferred upon him a new existence and a divine personality which enhanced his powers of ensuring safety and prosperity for his subject, was described at a meeting held at the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum by the Royal Anthropological Institute.

Professor G. Elliott Smith, in an address, said the Museum contained a vast collection of charms, amulets, and elixirs of life, used by people of every race and clime, and of every time from the upper palaeolithic age to Twentieth Century London, for the purpose of self-protection. While the original excuse for the efficacy of most of these givers of life was shown to be unfounded, many of them still survived in popular estimation, but, being stripped of any justification for their reputation, fell into the category of magic.

Another aspect of essentially the same process was displayed in the practice of mummy-making, the use of relics and magic bundles, and the imitation of medicine-men. The pretence of mummification in the case of a king—already referred to—was the essence of the initiation of a medicine-man, giving him new name and new powers of life and death; and the symbol of his powers was the magic bundle, which was the actual mummy or the pretended relic of his predecessor. In the wonderful reproductions of a chronological series of pharmacists could be found a dramatic demonstration of the historical links between the magic of the past and the science of to-day.

A cordial message of greeting to the Institute was received from Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, who is at present in the United States, and a vote of thanks to him was moved by Sir James Berry, seconded by the Earl of Onslow, and carried.

The President of the Institute spoke of the appointment of Captain J. W. G. Malcolm as curator of the Museum, characterising him as a well-known anthropologist, who would ensure the continued growth of the collection and their study upon sound historical lines.

Salesman: And what kind of a motor horn would you like, sir? Do you care for a good, loud blast?

Haughty Customer: No; I want something that just sneers.

## JUNK LOST.

## CAPSIZED IN HEAVY SQUALL.

## OCCUPANTS SAVED.

The loss of his trading-junk (No. 1394) is reported by the master who, together with the crew of four, was saved on the boat capsizing in a squall between Cheung Chau and Macao on July 21.

The occupants were saved by a passing fishing junk.

The value of the junk is \$225 and that of the cargo, \$400.

## MEDICINE OF LIFE.

## ANCIENT TRADITION ABOUT THE PEARL.

At a meeting of the Manchester Egyptian and Oriental Society, Professor Maurice Carney gave an address on "The Pearl as the Medicine of Life."

Among ancient peoples, he said, it was believed that pearls were formed from rain-drops, or dew drops, or rays of sunlight, which fell into the gaping valve of the pearl shell.

The dew drops seem to be sometimes thought of as tears. Pearls have been held also to be particles of moon-substance. They were credited with a magical potency.

In Palestine they have been worn by Arabs and Jews alike as amulets. They were supposed to ward off evil and to cure disease.

In Syria, India, and China they appear often in medical prescriptions. The lecturer gave the ingredients found in a medical work which has survived in Syria. Syrian writers describe other things as pearls, and call them also the Medicine of Life and Life-giving. Such things include the sacred word and the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Jesus is said to have been known as the Pearl and the Life-giver. He is spoken of also as the Medicine of Life or Our Medicine of Life.

The lecturer considered a remarkable fragment which has been preserved in the Syriac "Acts of Judas Thomas." This fragment has become known as "The Hymn of the Soul," because it has been taken to be an old gnostic hymn which found its way by accident into the Acts of Thomas. Professor Carney submitted that it was not a gnostic hymn at all, but a legend based on ancient mythological material. It should be described not as the Hymn of the Soul but as the Song of the Pearl, the central theme being the quest of a unique pearl, the Medicine of Life, which was to be found in the sea, guarded by a terrifying dragon or serpent.

In conclusion, a reconstruction of the legend was presented in which the fragment becomes an old folk-song or fairy tale.

## KILLED BY A SHEEP.

## MISFORTUNE OF AN ESSEX TOWN.

A square of railings round a well in an empty field and a deserted avenue of trees are all that remain to-day of the bid made 200 years ago by the little country town of Witham to rival Bath and Cheltenham as a fashionable watering place. Dr. Taverner, a physician of eighteenth-century Witham, was responsible for the making of the well.

He noticed the medicinal properties of the water coming from a well outside the town and wrote a long book to urge the claims of Witham as a spa.

He realised that the town would derive more prosperity if visitors came to them and accordingly proved that the water of the spring was so volatile that it could not possibly be bottled.

## Pump Room.

The town followed his lead. A pump room was built, and a large ball room erected. Visitors began to come, and an avenue of trees was planted under which the fine ladies and gentlemen might "wander" after they had taken the waters. Witham was to become a centre of fashion.

Visitors fell off, however, after the first rush of the curious, and died away almost to nothing. The country round Witham was not as attractive as that around Bath, and the water did not taste sufficiently unpleasant.

Witham began to realise that as a spa it was a failure. The ball room was pulled down and the pump room was suffered to fall into disrepair.

Eventually an inquisitive sheep wandering into the pump room fell down and choked the well, and finally ended Witham's brief bid to be a British spa.

## POLAR CAKE

ITS QUALITY THAT COUNTS

## ARMSTRONG SCENE.

## SHAREHOLDER CALLS FOR "A REVOLVER!"

## MILLIONS OF LOSSES CUT.

A painful scene was created at the meeting of Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company, the big engineering business, in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Giving his name as Mr. Graham, of Gateshead, and speaking with emotion, shareholder said he was 75 and had worked for Armstrongs over 60 years.

"I could take a revolver," he cried excitedly, "and shoot the lot who caused Sir William Armstrong to turn in his grave."

"Change the name, for God's sake. My capital is gone. A revolver, Mr. Chairman, a revolver!"

Mr. J. Frater Taylor, the vice-chairman, presiding in the absence of Lord Southborough, the chairman, through illness, had admitted in the course of his speech that the annual report was far from satisfactory and said that the views expressed by Sir Gilbert Garnsey and himself were turning out to be true.

Consideration was being given, he continued, to the necessity of substantially writing down the plant and properties and investments, particularly the company's interests in the Newfoundland Power and Paper Company, which had been compelled to curtail its operations in view of the exceptional conditions that had developed in the trade during the last six months.

## THE GHOST SHIP.

## SAILED INTO PORT AND VANISHED.

The port of Reykjavik, Iceland, which is at present very much frequented by Faroe fishing cutters, believes that it has been visited by a "ghost ship," the story being reminiscent of the old tales of "The Flying Dutchman," which suddenly appeared and was believed to presege death and disaster for those who saw it.

Several Witnesses.

The harbour pilot had boarded

the trawler, and the crew of the trawler and the crew of the pilot boat all affirm that they saw the cutter but that no one was to be seen on board.

The cutter carried the letters of identity F.D., but no figures; F.D. means that the cutter belonged to Fuglefjord.

When the cutter anchored Mr. Jonasson telephoned to the port

doctor to go on board to make the usual examination, but when the police boat with the doctor, Mr. Jonasson, and an engineer neared the spot where the cutter had been she had vanished.

As barely 15 minutes elapsed before the police boat arrived, it was impossible for the cutter to have reached so far as behind the islands lying off the harbour.

Reykjavik message to Copenhagen says that it has been impossible to find a natural explanation of the occurrence.

## MEN'S WAVED HAIR.

## CAMBRIDGE UNDERGRADS "FASHION."

The latest fashion among Cambridge undergraduates is to have their hair waved.

While old Cambridge men up for May Week are inclined to snit at what they regard as a sign of foppishness, Miss Cambridge does not seem to be able to make up her mind on the question.

Some of the women frankly admire the young giants whose exquisitely waved hair gives them the appearance of the traditional matinée idol; while others scoff at them as being effeminate.

A few are jealous, as some of the men have a better wave to their hair than they have themselves.

A Cambridge hairdresser told

a "Daily Mail" reporter that he had never known so many undergraduates have their hair artificially waved as at present. He said:

It has just become the fashion. I cannot say why.

The men have their hair waved regularly about every nine or ten days. We do this, of course,

as we wave the women's hair. Many of the men are just as fussy about their hair as the women.

Good manners are the outward

expression of an inward attitude of mind.—Professor Winifred Cullis.

## THE SMALL BALL.

## WHYSALL TALKS ON CRICKET.

## PROMISE OF LARWOOD.

The slow bowler? Well, there is one man who stands alone for beating the batsman by sheer craft—Roy Kilner of Yorkshire. It's no use trying to describe what happens when Roy is bowling because he has so many tricks up his sleeve and he trots them out at will.

I'll let you into a little secret of mine. If I score 50 against Yorkshire I consider that I have done as well as if I had hit a century off any other county. Runs take some getting when you are opposed by Kilner, Rhodes & Co.

A Great Match-Winner.

It would not be fair to leave off here without mentioning one player whom I consider a great match-winner—Patsy Hendren, of Middlesex. I am never tired of telling the story of when Notts left Middlesex 500 runs to get at Nottingham—on Middlesex wanted that number when Patsy came in to bat. He got 200 not out, and when he made the winning hit he ran off the field with an air that said: "That showed you how to get them!" He had it a glorious knock when everything seemed against his side.

Lastly, but by no means least, our captain, Mr. A. W. Carr is one of the greatest sportsmen in the game. Notts have had some good skippers, and Mr. Carr lives up to the reputation of the past great men. A great captain can do more to make a great side than anything else, and, take my word for this, Notts have this asset.

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The above excerpts from the leading papers of Chicago when Podolsky recently performed there at the Studebaker Theatre speak for themselves.

Booking opens to-day at Nourse's

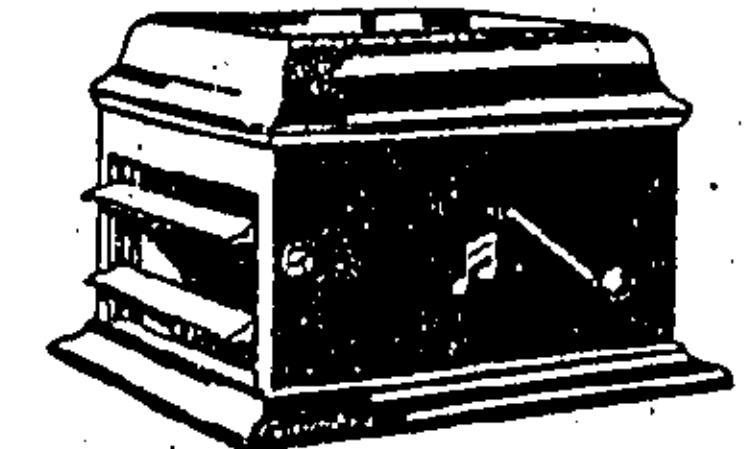
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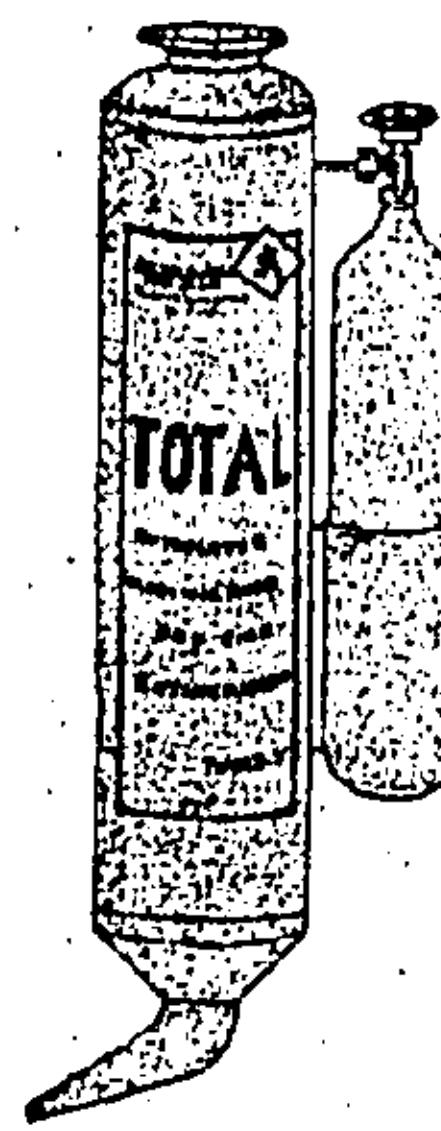
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### A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

At long last it seems that a definite move is to be made against the out-and-out Communists who have been overrunning Hankow and other Yangtze ports for the best part of six months. Together with foreigners, the main military factions are beginning to realise that the first step towards the salvation of China must necessarily be the extermination of the Borodin-Eugene Chen clique.

With this end in view, political experts see the imminence of a north and south truce, with the Communists as the common enemy. How the hotch-potch Chinese situation has materialised into something definite is fully told in this week's "Overland Mail."

This issue also contains the cream of the local news of the week. It will keep those at home in touch with what is happening in Hong Kong, in China and throughout the Far East generally. Let us mail it for you.

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### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Five Russians have been arrested by the Tientsin police in connection with the theft of valuable furs from the premises of Messrs. Jen's and Co., Council Road.

It is understood that there has been a "cut" in the price of petrol, the benefit of which will be experienced by local residents and will apply to all brands. The retail prices for Shell Motor Spirit are now as follows: per case (containing two tins), 37.5c; per two tins (without case), 37.2c; per imperial gallon in bulk 30 cents.

Scotland requires a new dictionary—her worthy "Jamieson" being now past patching-up again, says J. L. Garvin in the "Observer." The new work, on which co-operative scholarship is embarked, will take the language from 1,700 onwards. It will dovetail with the dictionary that Dr. Craigie is preparing of the older tongue, and will itself be organised on the historical principle. It is important that all the leading dialects of Scotland should be fully recorded before their popular use has too far shrunk. The Aberdeenshire Scotch of Charles Murray differs visibly from the Angus Scotch of Violet Jacob, and both from the Ayrshire Scotch of Burns. The differences, moreover, are strongly suggestive of type, and their proper study would probably bear racial inferences. It might even tell us at last who the Picts were and where he went to.

The adventurous career of Franz Ferdinand Bertram, aged fifty-five, a man who had gone through no fewer than twenty professions, has been disclosed in a Vienna Court. He claimed to be the son of a deceased member of the German Reichstag. In his youth he appeared successfully in various German theatres, and acted as stage-manager. He then turned to the film, and, as the "great film industrialist," Dr. Franz Ferdinand, started some dubious transactions. After that, he dealt in horses, bred pigs and dogs, produced sausages, reared poultry, and attempted to open a sanatorium. Then he tried his hand at a few more professions. His whole capital consisted of his title "doctor," which he had acquired at an Italian University. Finally he got into trouble as a forwarding agent and was sentenced to three months.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Richard Cumming, a well-known merchant in Sydney, Australia, has arrived Shanghai.

Mr. G. G. Muller has been appointed to act as First Assistant Secretary (A), Straits Settlements.

Mr. H. V. Towner has been appointed Colonial Engineer and Mr. G. Sturrock Deputy Colonial Engineer, Singapore.

Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray have left Shanghai for Wei-hai-wei, where they will stay with Mrs. J. Niven.

By the "Portos" last Wednesday morning the Consul General for Portugal and Senhora Ferreira returned to Singapore from their trip to China and Japan.

The death occurred at Amoy on July 14, of Mr. John Shipway Shields, a very old resident. Seventy-eight years of age, the late Mr. Shields first arrived in China in 1875, joining the Customs Revenue cruiser "Cheng-tu" as a gunner.

The Chinese papers in Hankow have published a report stated to have come from Peking to the effect that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has issued a mandate for the release of all prisoners undergoing penalties for major crimes with the exception of Mme. Borodin and her three compatriots.

Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., of Hong Kong, who graduated at Oxford last year after having obtained Honours at the Honour School of Jurisprudence there, was, on June 29 last, called to the Bar by the Benchers of the Middle Temple in London. He passed his Bar Final Examination in May last, also with Honours. He is just 23 years of age.

Since his arrival in Singapore in December last from Batavia, Mr. Owang Kee, the new Consul-General for China, has not been in good health, and he is forced to return to China next month. His successor has been named in the person of Mr. Li Tchian, the Second Secretary of the Chinese Legation in Paris, and he is expected to arrive on July 24 by the "Chenoncœurs" from Marseilles.

Mrs. W. R. Johnson, daughter of Judge Milton D. Purdy, of the United States Court for China, left Shanghai on the "Empress of Asia" for America. She plans to join her mother in Minneapolis, their former home, where she will visit for a time before joining her husband, who will leave Shanghai on a later boat. They will spend some time in New York and eastern states.

\$130 in banknotes is reported to have been stolen from the pocket of a Chinese travelling between Hong Kong and Yau-mati on the Yau-mati ferry yesterday.



The re-introduction of half-penny tram-fares in Glasgow gives a leg-up to a coin that has fallen on evil times, remarks a London paper. Almost the only thing that can be done with a halfpenny today is to keep it till you get another. That it will frank a receipt for larger sums through the post, only emphasises its outcast condition.

An appeal by the warden of a Women's Settlement in Canning Town, a dreary region near the London Docks, for help to provide window-boxes (writes "Looker-On" in the "Daily Chronicle") has surprised a friend of mine and may have puzzled others. One difficulty is to get soil. In few parts of London is it possible to find earth in which anything will grow. Then seeds and plants have to be bought. People might buy these for themselves; the soil is really the main part of the problem.

A Chinese woman was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to the head caused by falling through a window at 533 Canton Road, Kowloon.

At the annual meeting of the St. Giles' Christian Mission at the Mansion House, the Recorder of London, Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., who presided, said: "Crime must be properly dealt with, and in certain cases severely punished. That, however, was no reason why the element of mercy should not enter in; there was good reason why the young offender should be saved from his folly and the old offender given a chance after serving his sentence."

Mail week saw the tenth anniversary of battle of Messines, the battle in which we exploded nineteen great mines, the simultaneous explosion of which was heard by Mr. Lloyd George at Walton Heath. One who has seen the Messines battlefield recently says that the great mine craters remain despite efforts on the part of the Belgians to fill one in. They have been transformed into lakes and young trees are appearing on the banks of them. Here are perhaps, the only considerable signs of the war which are likely to endure to show that modern warfare can actually alter the geography of the countryside.

The resignation of Mr. Frank Hodges of his post as secretary of the International Federation of Miners is not quite the victory for Mr. Cook that it may appear to be. It seems that Mr. Cook anticipated a refusal of his demand for Mr. Hodges' removal, and would have preferred to put into action his alternative course of taking the British miners out of the Federation and allying them exclusively to the Russian miners. By resigning, Mr. Hodges has removed Mr. Cook's grievance, and thus he cannot very well proceed with his fondly cherished plan of closer union with Russia. Thus, far from having achieved victory, Mr. Cook has suffered defeat, except for the personal satisfaction he may gain from depriving Mr. Hodges of his office.

Mr. John M. Hykes left Shanghai last Saturday for a short business trip to America.

Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, engineer-in-chief of the Electricity Department, Shanghai, has left for Home.

Mr. W. T. Thorne, manager of the Shanghai branch of Messrs. Allen and Hanbury, has sailed for Home.

Mr. L. E. Aviling, who is to take up the position of First Secretary of the British Legation in Peking, has arrived at the capital.

Misses Kathleen and Gertrude Simmons, of Hong Kong, are in Shanghai visiting their sister, Mrs. B. A. Proulx. They arrived on the "President Grant."

Mr. J. A. Feeney, Chief Inspector of Police, Kedah, is retiring from the service on pension next month. He will be succeeded by Chief Inspector E. P. Colgan, from Perak.

His Majesty's approval of the appointments of the Hon. Mr. J. B. C. Henderson and the Hon. Sir David Galloway as Unofficial Members of the Singapore Legislative Council has been received.

Mr. Harry O. White, prominent Shanghai broker and head of the firm of White and Company, and Mrs. White sailed on the "Empress of Canada" on a vacation to be spent in the United States, England and other parts of Europe.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Arthur Ernest Jago, son of Mr. F. E. Jago and of Mrs. Jago, formerly of Singapore, and Olwen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Davies, of 25, Colingham-Gardens, S.W., was to take place on June 29, at St. Margaret's Westminster.

Edinburgh Town Council have decided to confer the freedom of the city upon the Hon. Alanson Bigelow Houghton, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, in appreciation of his visit for the purpose of handing over the war memorial presented by men and women of Scottish blood in the U.S.A. Lord Provost Stevenson said a very large number of Americans were coming over by special steamer to take part in the celebration.

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## SPORTS

## HOME CRICKET.

SURREY WELL BEATEN BY HAMPSHIRE.

"PATSY" HENDREN'S 140.

London, July 22. Hampshire defeated Surrey by nine wickets at Bournemouth. Surrey scored 228, Kennedy taking six for 77, and 165, Newman taking seven for 67.

Hampshire made 268, Geary taking six for 50; and 124 for one (Brown 81 and 65).

Leicestershire defeated Sussex at Brighton by three wickets.

Sussex scored 223 and 177.

Leicester made 215 and 186 for seven.

## Points for Gloucester.

Gloucester beat Middlesex at Lord's on the first innings.

Gloucester made 275, Haig taking six for 48; and 301 (Hammond 83 and 47).

Middlesex scored 280 for nine (Hendren 140).

## Lancashire Wins.

Lancashire beat Northamptonshire at Manchester on the first innings.

Lancashire scored 284 for nine declared; and 142 for one.

Northants made 267.

## Four For 11.

Kent, at Tumbridge Wells, defeated Warwickshire on the first innings.

Kent scored 170, Partridge taking four wickets for 11 runs.

Warwick made 128 for three.

## Yorks Win.

Yorkshire took first innings points from Worcestershire at Worcester.

Yorks scored 328 and 18 for two wickets.

Worcester made 199.

## Visitors Play Army.

The New Zealanders, at Folkestone, got the better of the Army, scoring 189 to the Army's 179 for five.—Reuter.

## HOME GOLF.

## EXHIBITION FOUR BALL MATCH.

Epsom, July 22. In an exhibition four ball match before 3,000 spectators Jones and Kirkwood beat Tolley and Wethered 1-0.

In the afternoon Tolley and Kirkwood halved with Jones and Wethered.—Reuter.

## Glencairns Turney.

Glencairns, July 22.

In the third round:—Ray beat Kinch 1-0. Havers beat Twins 3-2. Whitcombe beat Ockenden 6-5. Cotton beat Young 2-1.

In the semi-finals:—Ray beat Havers 5-4. Whitcombe beat Cotton 3-2.

—Reuter.

## DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

## FRANCE ELIMINATES DENMARK.

Copenhagen, July 22. France eliminated Denmark from the Davis Cup and meets the winner of the American Zone final.

Borotra and Brugnon beat Petersen and Ulrich 6-4, 6-0, 6-3. Borotra beat Axel Petersen 6-8, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0.

—Reuter.

## GREYHOUND MEET.

## ABANDONED AT HULL.

London, July 3. The first greyhound race meeting was abandoned through a series of accidents. Dogs competing in the second race caught the electric hare. The leaders passing the post, shot through the trap door into the pit before the control operator could slam the door.

In the third race the booby trap which the hare was attached ran off the rails and the hare stopped in the middle of the track, although the dogs ignored it and ran on. The race was declared void and the programme was abandoned.

## SCULLING DASHES.

## Jack Beresford's Success.

London, June 2. Sculling dashes of approximately 400 yards, organised by the Vesta Club, were won by Jack Beresford, who beat Collett in the first heat by a length in 1 min. 29 sec.

In the second heat he beat H. Edwards (London) by a length in 1 min. 24 sec.

Edwards had previously beaten Collett.

## LOCAL SOCCER.

## R.A.M.C. PLAYING C.A.A. THIS AFTERNOON.

There will be a friendly football match between the R.A.M.C. and the C.A.A. at 5.45 p.m. at Sooknum-poo today.

This match has, by the courtesy of the South China Command Sports Board, been allotted to the H. K. Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, in which the net receipts will go to swell the funds the latter are raising to send a delegation to the Far Eastern Olympiad. Therefore this match, instead of being under the usual joint supervision of the S.C.C.S.B. and C.A.A., will be played under the auspices of the H.K.C.A.A.F.

The R.A.M.C.'s records are not yet known, but their team will probably include some seasoned players who are well versed in the conditions and style of play of the Colony. The name of the veteran interpreter, Mr. Sims, is being mentioned to be in their line-up to-morrow, and it will be no surprise if a few familiar players of the Colony who belong to the Corps are to be seen in play also.

The C.A.A. will be as usual: Pau Ku-ping; Lau Mow, Lo Wai-mun; Ho Cho-yin, Lum Yuk-ying, Ng Po-lau; Lee Ling-tong, Suen Kam-shun, Wong Pak-chong, Choy Ping-fan and Ng Kam-chuen.

## LOCAL GOLF.

## ROYAL H.K.G.C. v. JUNIOR SECTION.

The following starting times for the match between the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and the Junior Section have been arranged for tomorrow:—

9.16. J. W. Franks (7) v. F. E. Book (10). 9.20. F. J. de Rome (7) v. J. Ling (10). 9.24. F. A. Redmond (7) v. R. C. Wallace (14). 9.28. E. D. Matthews (9) v. P. Morrison (16). 9.32. T. S. Whyte-Smith (10) v. G. McLeod (14). 9.36. D. G. Bruce (10) v. F. Glover (18). 9.40. A. O. Brown (10) v. A. C. Goldenberg (16). 9.44. J. S. MacLaren (12) v. J. McBride (18).

All matches are to be played to a finish. Strokes on holes after the eighteenth, will be taken at the holes where received in the first round. Spoons will be presented to individual winners.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

## FENCING AND BOXING DISPLAY.

A display of boxing and fencing was given in the hall of Queen's College yesterday. Mr. K. Jenner acted as referee, and Mr. Wallington as timekeeper. Each event was contested in a manner which reflected great credit on Sgt. "Kid" Marriot, who trained the boys.

At the close, Mr. A. H. Crook presented medals to the winners in the various classes, and also took the opportunity of giving away books as rewards for the painting and drawing competition.

The prize winners were:

Boxing. Middle-Weights, Tung Chi-yin. Light-Weights, Ho Sin. Feather-Weights, A. H. Ismail. Heavy-Weights, Chiu Shin-kwong. Bantam-Weights, Kitchell. Fly-Weights, Sadick. Catch-Weights, Bashir Ahmed. Good Losers, Ip Kun-fan, H. G. Kew, and Leung Shin-kwan.

Fencing. Bashir Ahmed, and H. O. Sin.

## WATER POLO.

## QUESTION OF RAISING ENTRY FEES.

The question of raising the entrance fee was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Water Polo Association yesterday.

Mr. C. J. Cooke occupied the chair. There were present representatives from the K. O. S. Borderers, Scottish Guards, Kowloon British School, Former Pupils' Association and the V. R. C.

Mr. Lyon brought up for discussion the question of increasing the entrance fees which was, at present \$5 per team. He spoke of the expenses of procuring medals for the winning teams and said that it was hardly fair for the Association to be constantly supplied with funds by the V. R. C.

Mr. Railton suggested that funds could be raised by promot-

## THE BIG FIGHT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Before the fight Dempsey was in good condition despite the tragedy which occurred in his family when his brother John shot his wife and then killed himself. Dempsey's training was halted for a few days and although he had reason enough for postponing the fight, Jack stated that as far as he was concerned, the bout would be stayed as originally scheduled.

Dempsey receives 27.5 per cent. of the gate receipt as his end of the purse while Sharkey will get 22.5 per cent.

## Challenge to Champion.

Sharkey's long and blistering challenge to Gene Tunney, given below, is interesting in view of the result of the fight. Says the Boston Bull:—

"I see by the papers that Tunney says he can beat me and tries to tell why. Anyone who knows anything about boxing knows that Gene is talking bunk.

"In the first place he says that I am continually jumping up and down, that he, being a short arm puncher, will find me an easy mark. When did anybody tell

## THE LOSER.



Jack Sharkey, of Boston.

## SOCCER FACTS.

## CHARLIE ROBERTS SPEAKS OUT.

## BOARD DIFFICULTIES.

There seem to be too many cooks spoiling the broth in football (writes Charlie Roberts in the "All Sports Weekly"). Beneath the surface there is haggling and up-ending of views and opinions.

Just look at the eruptions which have taken place in club management.

That shows extreme points of view. I read the other day that the cause of all this change in management was due to the wisdom of clubs in going out for the best men.

That is hardly the case. The top and bottom of it is that very few club directors as a Board know exactly what they want.

Recently a club disposed of the manager and one or two directors got the idea into their heads that their combined services could run the club plus the services of a junior in the office.

The other section of the directors did not like this at all. It suggested too much of the limelight on one spot. The policy was absolutely wrong, of course, and has not been persevered with. All the same, it shows a state of "pull devil pull baker."

I don't know whether a new order of directors has sprung up with a better idea of football, but we shall have to doubt it, from what I see done and what I hear.

## Needs a Free Hand.

Football is a commercial proposition at the bottom, and it requires the head of a man full of the fine points of the game and a fairly free hand. Those who appoint a manager are responsible for his ability at the outset, and if he fails to justify it there is something wrong with the methods that made the appointment.

I wonder what football is coming to when I see managers moving like players transferred. It is invariably the result of not seeing eye to eye with the directors, or, maybe, a section of them.

I have been credited with a desire to return to management and of ambitions in the direction with a certain Northern club. I admit the fascination of the game, with all its uncertainty, but, thank you, I have had sleep of nights since I gave it up, and have no wish to bring fresh nightmares on myself.

## Jealousy Among Officials.

Where managers are given a fair field and are not the victim of favours and disfavours you find things running smoothly, but even then there are often jealousies among paid officials as distinct from directors, with prominent clubs. The last word, of course, is with the directors, who have their money in the club, and apart from guarantees, can wield power by their balance of votes.

There used to be a time when clubs were run with a secretary, who could be styled, if you like, secretary-manager. Things went easily enough then; the separate office of secretary and manager, I find, has created not a little friction between the pair, which at times arises from inability to decide whose authority counts. Sunderland and Newcastle United, I think, have the best system.

In fact I'd like to meet both of them one after the other in the same ring. That would be fun, I'll show Tunney whether I simply bob up and down when I fight. If I choose to bob, I'll bob and beat him. And if I decide to stand up and fight him, I'll beat him that way.

Tunney says I have a tendency to cut loose and fight hard. That's exactly right. I like to fight and I laugh when I read that Tunney says no fighter has ever been able to mix with him.

## Look Like a Duffer.

"Will Gene kindly tell me whom he ever beat?" Jack Dempsey. "Only a shadow of Jack Dempsey. I saw that fight and it was the worst I ever saw. Spalla the Italian had Tunney beaten when the referee stopped the fight because Spalla had a cut over one eye. Little Harry Greb made Tunney look like a duffer every time they fought."

"Do you think you can beat Dempsey?" he was asked.

"Say, if Tunney beat him," said Sharkey. "I'll just naturally annihilate him. Dempsey may get himself into better condition than he was last year but I doubt it. He has another year on his shoulders."

"And so has Tunney. Neither Dempsey nor Tunney has had a fight in him for so long they've almost forgotten how I've met everyone who would enter the ring with. Wills had Dempsey scared stiff; now look at him."

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## Second Night Fete.

The second night fete of the season will be held next Saturday when there will be the usual number of events. Unlike the previous fete there will not be any post entries for the Ladies, Boys and High Diving Events.

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## A Suggestion Why.

But why these breaches between clubs and their managers have arisen all of a heap recently I cannot quite fathom. I have said how banks are liable, but what these constant changes mean beats me.

I might throw out just one suggestion—that competition has come to a tremendous pitch and organ-

## HOBBS "PEEVED."

## "THEY THINK I AM TOO OLD."

## WHY WAS HE DROPPED?

London, July 7. The following have been selected for the engagement at Lord's on July 13 between Gentlemen and Players:—

## Gentlemen.

Chapman (Kent), Captain.

Franklin (Buckinghamshire).

Stevens (Middlesex).

Dawson (Cambridge).

Jardine (Surrey).

Jupp (Northamptonshire).

Haig (Middlesex).

White (Somerset).

Holmes (Oxford).

Evans (Kent).

## Players.

Woolley (Kent), Captain.

Duckworth (Lancashire).

Tate (Sussex).

Larwood (Notts).

Hearne (Middlesex).

Sibbles (Lancashire).

Hammond (Gloucestershire).

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire).

Hendren (Middlesex).

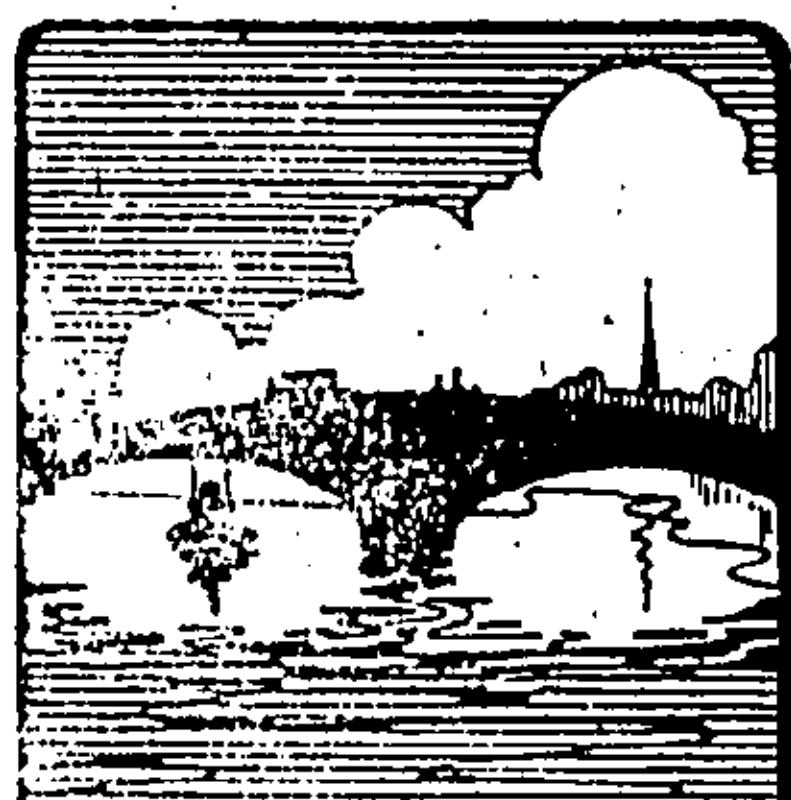
Holmes (Yorkshire), and

Hallows (Lancashire).

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## MOTORING SECTION

## MOTOR TOPICS.

## ROYAL VISIT TO MORRIS WORKS.

Mr. Thorton Rutter writes in the "Daily Telegraph":

Great interest was displayed by the Prince of Wales in his recent informal visit to the Morris motor works at Cowley, where a few days previously Mr. W. R. Morris had completed the construction of his 200,000th car. The Prince has always been an enthusiastic motorist, driving himself frequently, and has considerable knowledge of motor-car construction and the details of many makes of cars. He followed every operation, and was particularly impressed with the tyre-fitting department, where he was astonished and amused at the skillful and rapid performance of one of the hands, nicknamed "Tiny" on account of his gigantic stature, who fitted the tyres without the aid of levers, which are usually required.

Another item of safety with which motorists are equipping their cars is the Pyrene fire extinguisher. This firm of manufacturers of all kinds of appliances for protection from fire has introduced a "Junior" Pyrene extinguisher for small cars. It is half the size and capacity of the ordinary Pyrene, but, like its bigger brother, works instantly by means of its double acting rotating pump. It will enable the light car owner to put out a fire which has started in the carburetor from a back-fire or other cause just as quickly as the owners of large cars can do with the larger model. Being light and handy, and not taking up more than about a foot of space in length, this new Junior Pyrene can easily be carried in a convenient position on the vehicle, and its price is small compared with the security it provides. Motorists should also be reminded that they should test the tap for turning off the petrol to the autovac or carburetor, as should a fire be started, the first protective act is to shut off the flow of spirit to the carburetor. Then smother the flames with the Pyrene.

Anti-glare front-screen visors and smoked or coloured spectacle glasses are other safety appliances that motorists are adding to their equipment. The reflected sun glare from the modern water-proof road in daytime and the rays of headlamps from other cars at night make some protection of this character necessary. Quite recently a motorist was summoned at the Brampton Police Court for driving negligently, and he made the excuse that the sun was in his eyes and caused him to collide with a motorcycle. This circumstance was taken into consideration as mitigating the offence, and, as the car was being driven very slowly at the time, the case was dismissed on the payment of costs. But this motorist was fortunate in the magistrate, and his experience must not be regarded as a precedent. It is much safer to provide oneself with smoking glasses than run any risks.

It cannot be disputed that the increase in the number of vehicles using the streets and highways has caused a very number of minor casualties to private cars, such as damaged front and rear wings and buckled luggage-stands. While there may be no serious damage, such mishaps spoil the appearance of the car and add to the expense of repairs, for it is scarcely worth while troubling the insurance companies about many such accidents. In consequence shock-guards or "bumpers" are being fitted more generally. These bumpers or buffers can now be purchased and fitted for a few pounds, and, although they do not protect a car from being damaged when a severe accident or collision takes place, they save many times over the expense of their fitting by preventing the vehicle's appearance being damaged in minor collisions. The point to be observed in fitting these protective buffers is to choose a type of bumper that will spring, bend, or be bent before the chassis frame, for too stout a buffer resists the shock and, as something has to give way, the frame or the frame members get distorted. Touring motorists would be well advised to fit buffers, as they add only about eight or nine inches to the length of the wheelbase when fitted both at the front and rear of the motor-carriage.

## HOT WEATHER DISEASES.

Disorders of the bowels are extremely dangerous, particularly during the hot weather of the summer months and in order to protect yourself and family against a sudden attack, get a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. It can be depended upon. For sale everywhere.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

## THE SERVO BRAKING EXPLAINED.

"What is meant by servo braking?" This is a question that is frequently asked nowadays, owing to the fact that some form of power-assisted brake is fitted to a considerable number of 1927 models. The origin of the term "servo brake" is somewhat obscure, but as ordinarily used its meaning may be defined as follows:—A servo brake is one in which a force, which may be produced by the frictional drag of a rotating part, engine suction, or some similar agency, assists the driver in the task of applying the shoes to the drums.

For some considerable time there has been a tendency to reduce driving fatigue by providing lighter controls; thus, steering gears are being provided with bigger leverages, clutches with comparatively light springs in general use and much has been done to reduce the pressure required on the brake pedal. This braking pressure can be cut down considerably by eliminating friction in the operating gear so far as possible and by increasing the leverage to the maximum extent.

There is, however, a definite limit to an increase of leverage, because of the fact that the pedal travel cannot be unduly prolonged. Thus, if it be desired to halve the pedal pressure required by doubling the leverage, then the designer must face the fact, that this alteration will entail doubling the distance through which the pedal must be depressed in order to supply the brakes.

The same end can, however, be obtained without increasing the pedal travel if some additional mechanism is introduced and arranged in such a way that the application of a given force to the brake pedal by the driver automatically brings into play a force of the same or even greater magnitude to supplement the driver's effort. In order to retain safety in brake operation, it is, of course, necessary that this auxiliary braking agency should act in strict proportion to the pedal pressure employed, so that the driver always knows the exact degree of braking which the pressure of his foot is going to produce.

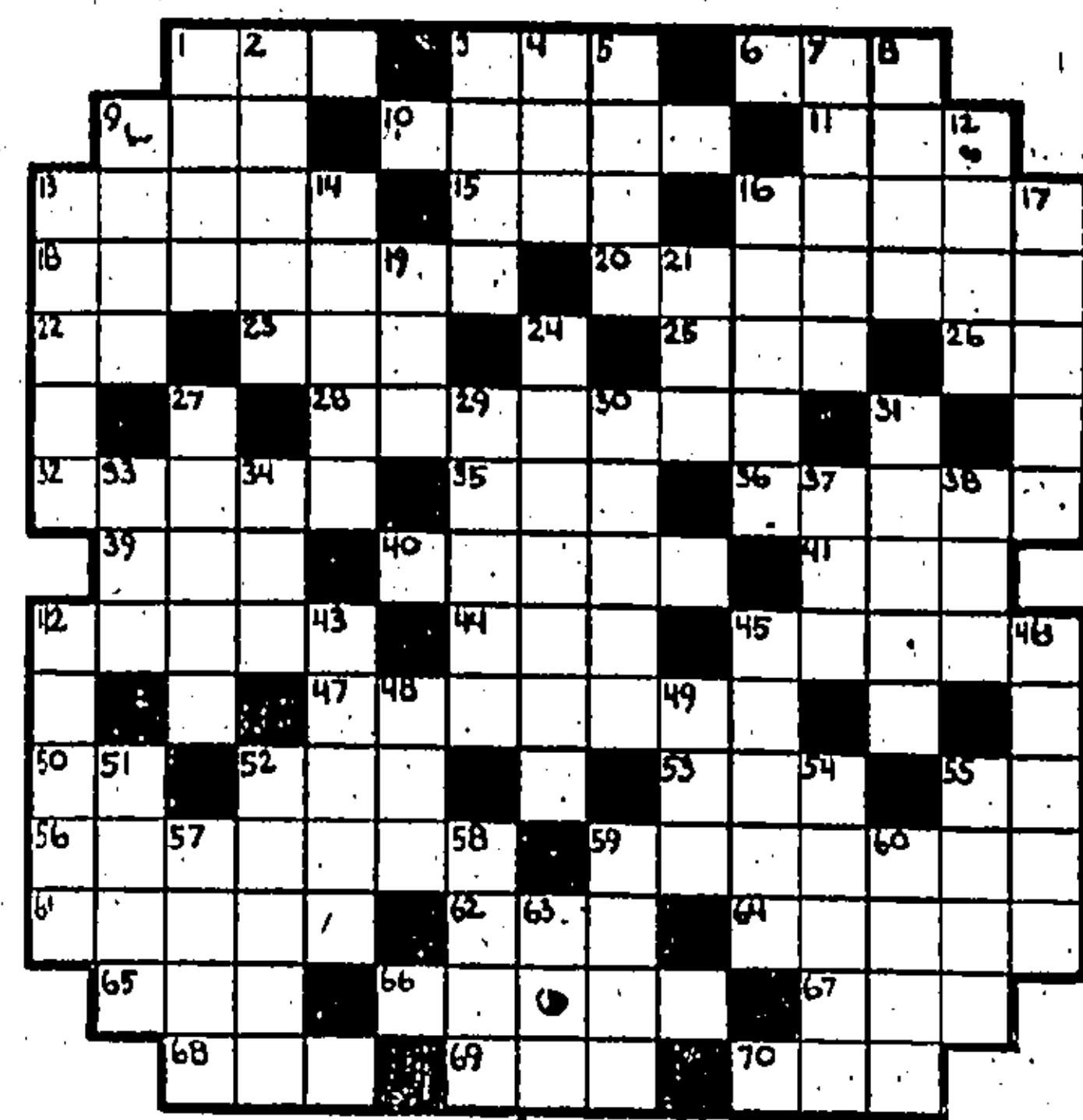
The simplest form of servo brake is one embodied in the drum itself, and usually consists of a special mounting of the shoes. Broadly speaking, matters are so arranged that the driver's foot-pressure applies one shoe to each drum, and, so soon as this shoe makes contact, it tends to be dragged round in the direction in which the drum is rotating. This frictional drag is then utilised to force a second shoe into contact with the drum, such an arrangement approximately doubling the retardation produced for a given pedal pressure.

When two shoes are arranged in such a fashion as to produce the desired amplification of braking effect when the car is running forwards, it is usually found that the servo shoe acts against the driver when the car runs backwards. This means that when the car is being driven in reverse an inordinately large pedal pressure is needed in order to bring it to a stop. For this reason servo-brakes have recently been developed in which three shoes are employed in each drum—one applied by the driver, one servo shoe for forward running and another servo shoe for running in reverse.

Another important system of servo braking is one in which a servo motor is employed, which is brought into action by the application of the brake pedal and which takes over the duty of applying the actual brake shoes. On many large cars, such as the Hispano-Suiza, Sunbeam, Renault and Rolls-Royce, the servo motor resembles a multiple-disc clutch driven from the gearbox with the plates normally disengaged; applying the brake pedal brings the plates into contact with one another, as a result of which they tend to rotate a casing, which operates the brake

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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## HORIZONTAL.

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

1-A small barrel  
2-A common dog  
3-A zone of the body  
4-Finch  
5-Sir  
6-Body of water  
7-To hang down  
8-Partaining to the sun  
9-In milk solution  
10-Interested  
11-Idle  
12-Position  
13-A mark of identification  
14-Country of Europe (abbr.)  
15-Hold  
16-A number of vessels  
17-Simplon  
18-Implanted  
19-A greasy liquid  
20-A compound of one or more electrons  
21-Green Island  
22-A title  
23-Fork  
24-View  
25-Railroad (abbr.)

26-A small barrel with a spiral shell  
27-Head covering  
28-Not brilliant  
29-Automobile  
30-Fixed  
31-Hollow out  
32-A card game  
33-A dwarf  
34-Atmosphere  
35-Hotel  
36-Small pieces of cardboard  
37-Common  
38-Tower for airplane races  
39-Station  
40-On fire  
41-In the past  
42-Three times  
43-Gasoline  
44-Uncanny  
45-A loop  
46-A grave offense  
47-Recent  
48-Vitality  
49-Alternative answer  
50-Hardest part  
51-To tear forcibly  
52-A grave offense  
53-Not fastened  
54-A bird's home  
55-Content  
56-A store  
57-Cesse  
58-Pastry (pl.)  
59-Consumed

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

shoes through the medium of rods and cables.

Another form of servo motor is represented by the Dewandre vacuum brake and by the more recently introduced Westinghouse brake. These devices utilise the suction available in the induction pipe of the engine, air being exhausted from one side of a piston, which is thus caused to move by atmospheric pressure, so applying the brakes. Matters are arranged in such a way that, should the vacuum system fail, the brakes can be applied directly by the pedal; this safety feature is also incorporated in the frictional types of servo motor.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

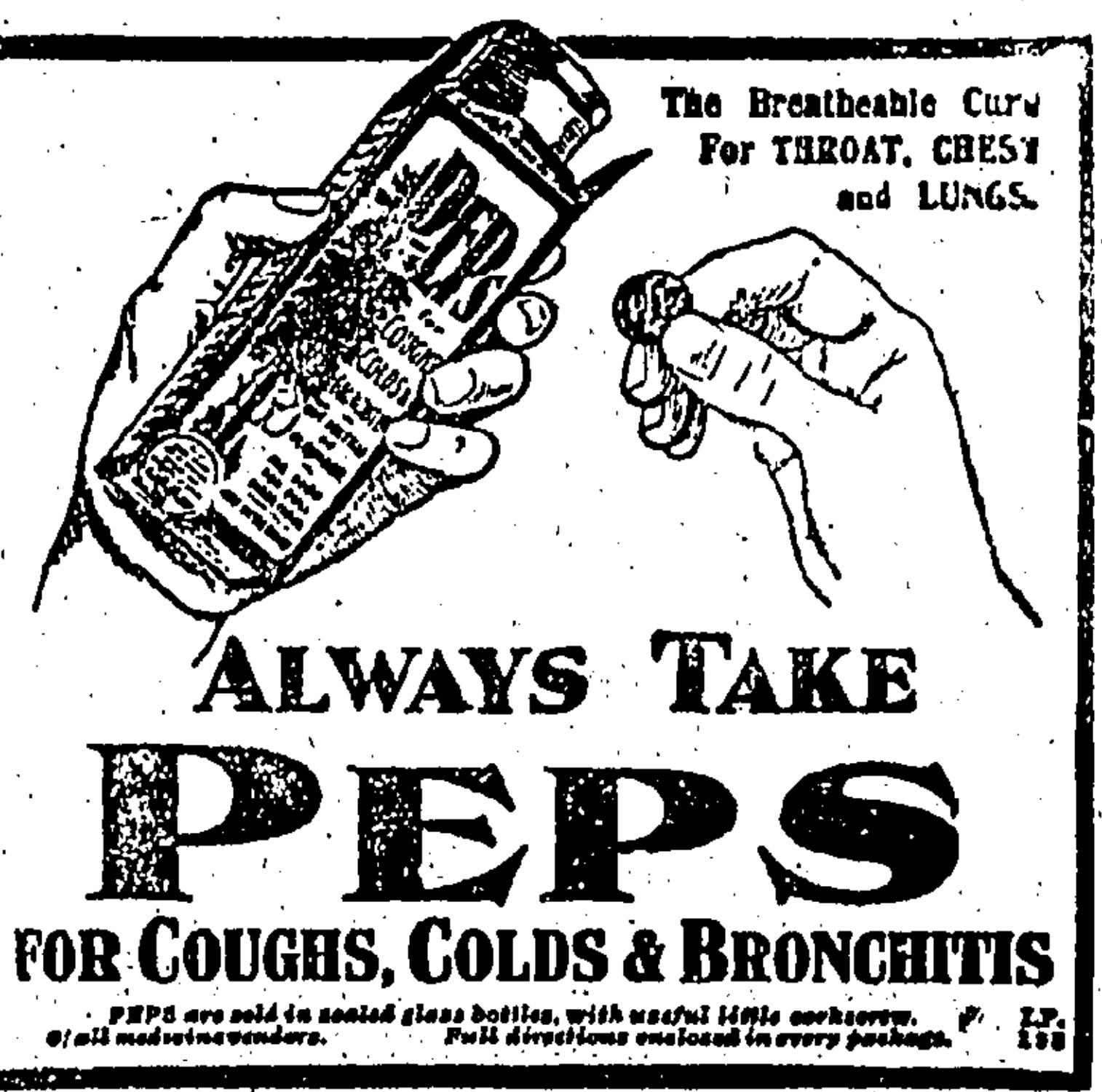
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IRA	WE
SPILL	W
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DELIA	SPILL
ROADS	SEE
LEDGE	RUBBLE
JELLY	FUSED

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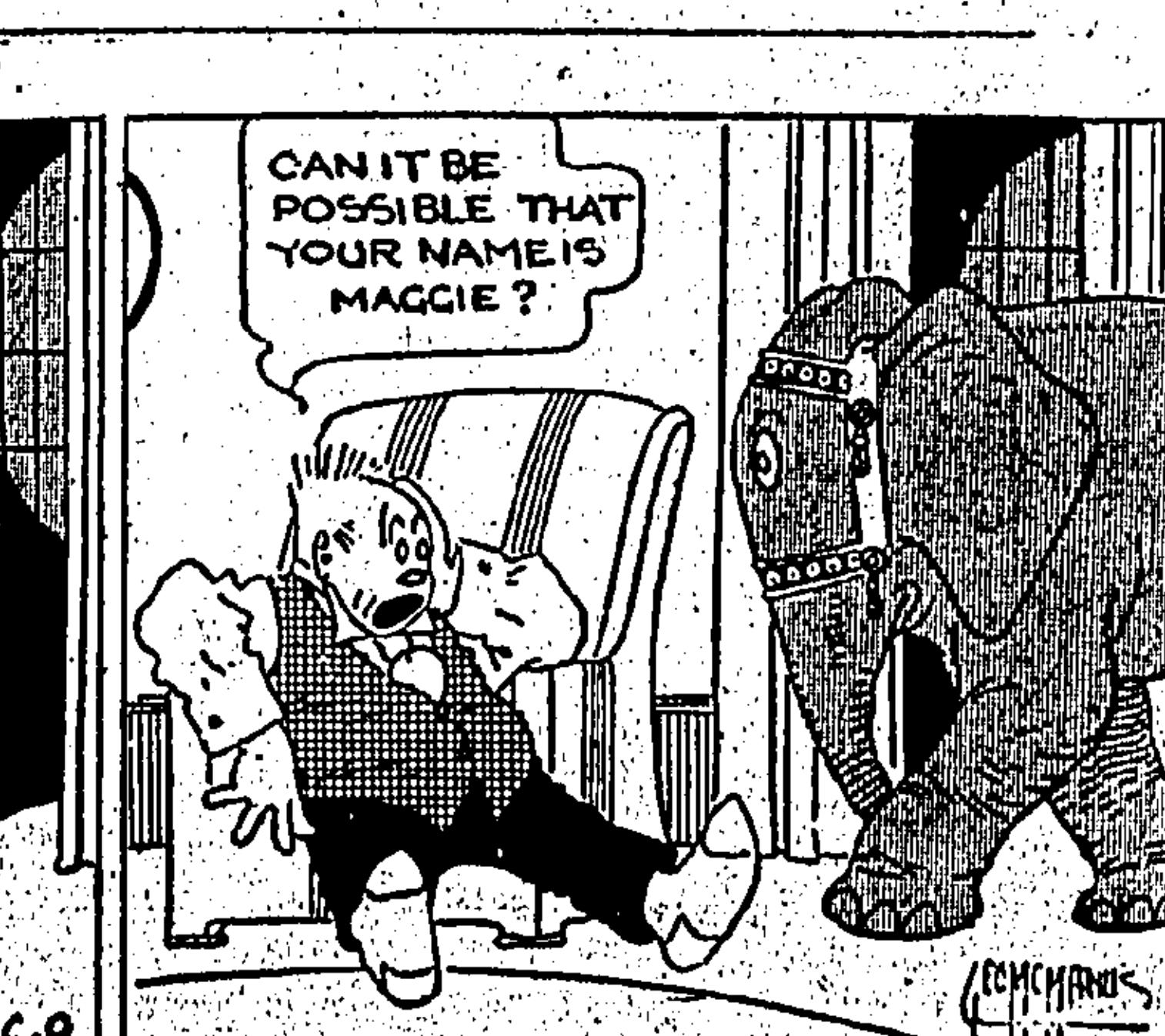
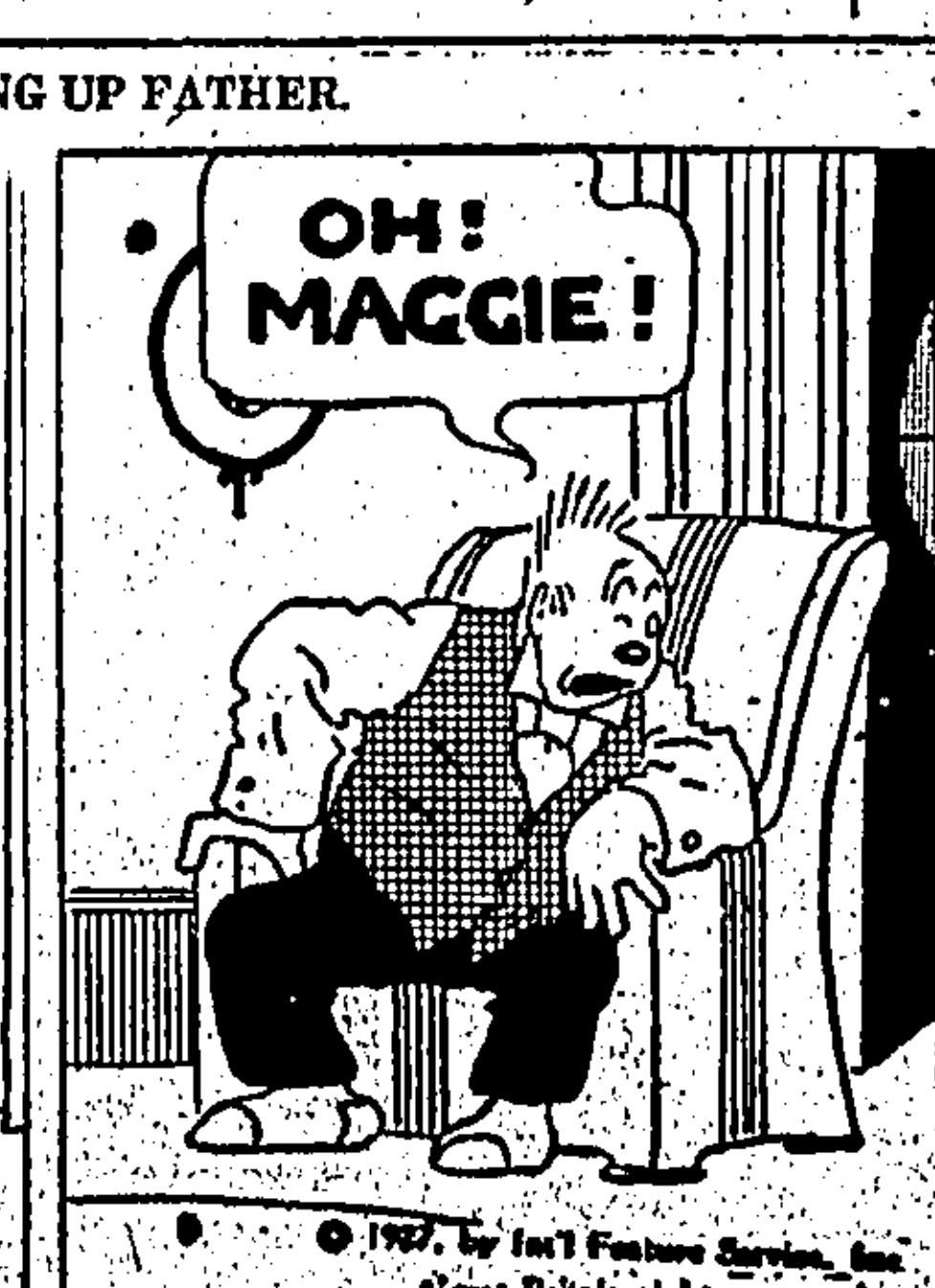
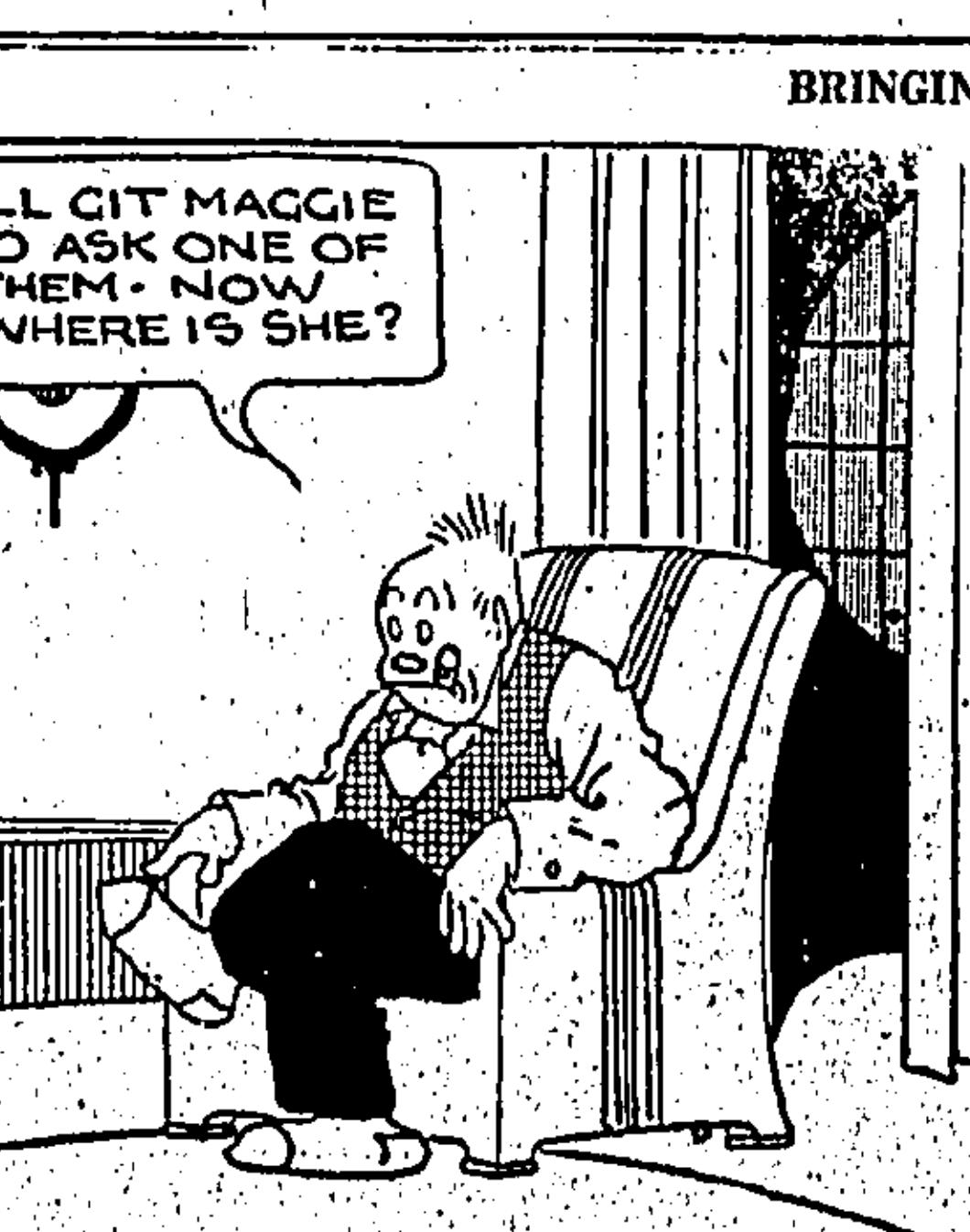
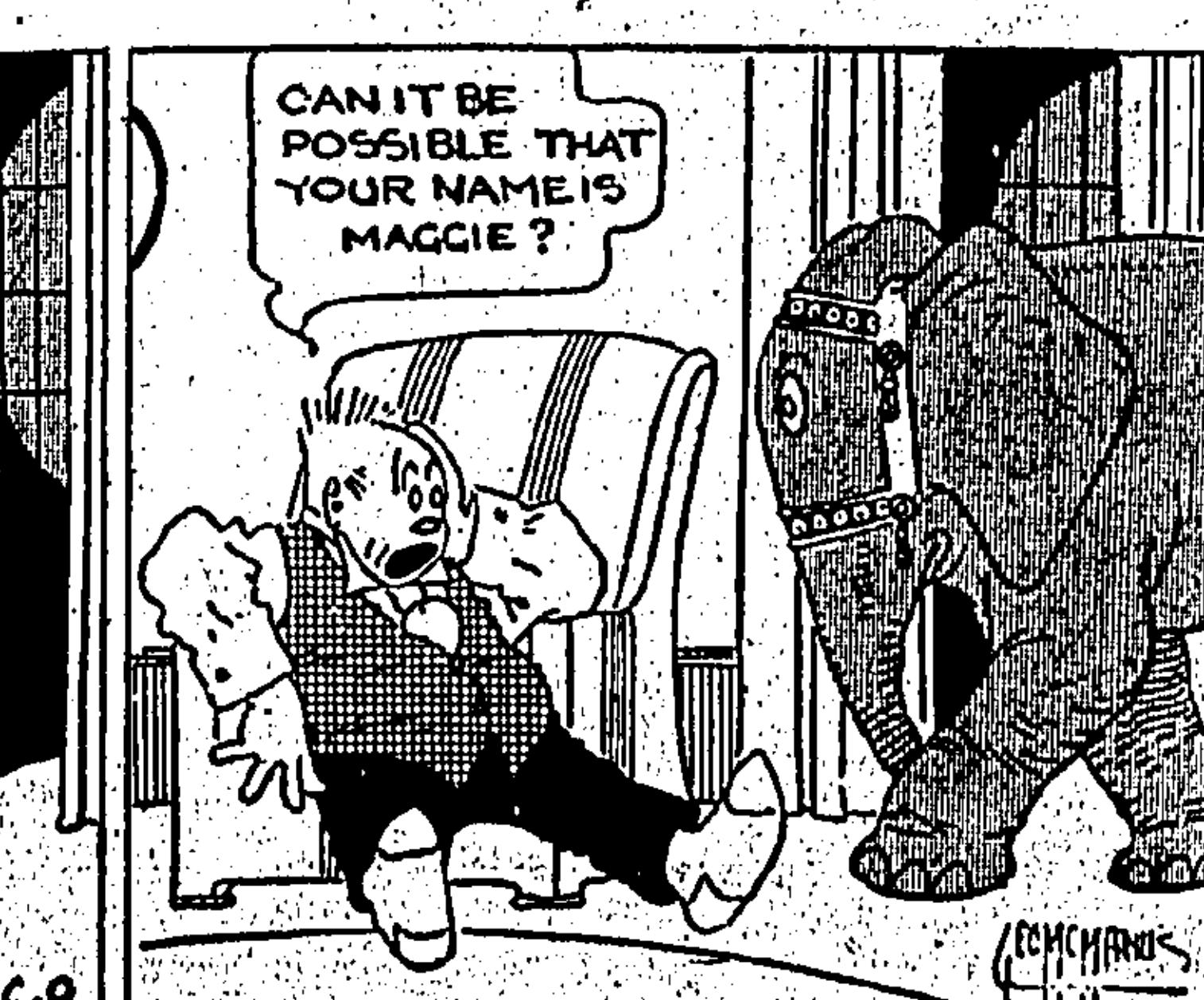
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SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1927.

## BODY IN A TRUNK.

EXPERTS AND CAUSE OF DEATH.

## THEORY OF A WOOLLY MAT.

The Westminster magistrate (Mr. E. C. P. Boyd) continued the hearing of the evidence against John Robinson, 36, recently in business at Rochester-row, Westminster, as a house and estate agent, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Minnie Alice Bonati, the wife of a waiter, whose dismembered body was found in a trunk at Charing-cross station on May 10. Mr. C. Wallace conducted the case for the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr. Laurence Vine and Mr. M. D. Lyon were for the defence.

Dr. Thomas Rose, police divisional surgeon, said that he and Dr. Weir made a post mortem examination. All the bruises on the remains, he said, were caused shortly before death. He formed the opinion that the bruises on the temple and eye were caused by two distinct blows, and that on the abdomen was the result of direct violence. The other bruises could have been caused by pressure of the hands or knobs. He did not think that one blow which would cause a fall would also cause all the bruises.

Mr. Wallace: In your opinion, what was the cause of death?

Dr. Rose: Suffocation following violence. Probably some soft substance was placed over the mouth and nose. At the time she might have been unconscious. The blow on the head was sufficient to have produced unconsciousness.

Answering Mr. Vine, witness said the definite signs of death he saw were not obliterated, although he agreed that every hour was of some importance. There were no marks of violence round the neck; if great violence had been used he would have expected to have seen some marks.

Mr. Vine: Suppose this woman had remained for some hours on a woolly mat, would not that have been sufficient to have caused suffocation?

Dr. Rose: A very soft substance might be sufficient, but here the marks of pressure were distinct.

Further questioned, Dr. Rose said he saw no trace of coal gas poisoning in the body, and he had not heard there had been an escape of gas in the room.

Mr. Vine: That will be proved up to the hilt. With regard to the bruising on the temple, is that consistent with the statement of the prisoner that he struck her, and that she fell on a chair?

Dr. Rose: It was a violent blow, sufficient to render her unconscious.

Dr. H. Wright Weir, pathologist of Park Read, N.W., said that in his opinion the woman was rendered unconscious by blows on the head, and then suffocated by some soft substance over the face.

Cross-examined, Dr. Weir said he heard for the first time that day that there was a large woolly mat in one of the rooms the prisoner occupied at Rochester-row. Had he known that at the time of the post-mortem it would not have affected his opinion.

Mr. Vine: Have you ever given it as your opinion that this woman's death was due to an accident?

Dr. Weir: No.

Mr. Vine: Dr. Rose puts it as a possible cause of death that asphyxia could be caused by a soft substance such as a woolly mat over the nose and mouth. Do you agree with that?—Yes.

## A Series of Blows.

Sir Bernard H. Spilsbury said he formed the opinion that some bruises were caused by a series of blows, though one or two might have been caused by falling.

Mr. Wallace: Would one blow which caused the woman to fall on to a chair or fireplace have caused all the bruises?

Sir Bernard: Not all of them.

Have you formed an opinion as to the cause of death?—Yes. The cause of death was asphyxia following violence, and the asphyxia was caused by suffocation—that is

## SHARES WORTH £800.

## FORTY POUNDS UP IN A DAY.

## WALL STREET RECORD.

## CHALIAPIN PUZZLED.

## ATTACKED FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY.

## "MOSCOW MUST BE CRAZY."

New York. The rise of more than £40 in the old stock of the Texas Land Trust marks the highest point in the history of the most sensational of all stocks on the New York Exchange. Last September the shares for the Trust could be purchased for £140; to-day, they are selling for nearly £800.

The Trust was formed in 1888, when it took over 3,500,000 acres of land from the Texas Pacific Railway. With the proceeds of its sale of lands it bought its own shares in the open market, retiring them, no dividends ever being declared. The speculation seemed to be that whoever should, in the course of time, own the last two shares, would fall heir to a sum of money beyond the dreams of avarice.

But for the last two years the Trust has sold no lands. It leases them, employing its rents and royalties to purchasing back stock.

**Oil-Wells Found.** Originally it issued 103,700 shares of £20 per value. Recently, these shares were reduced in numbers to 19,290 and the amount of land held by the Trust to 2,000,000 acres.

The discovery of vast oil wells in Western Texas and the rise in price of realty in the town of Dallas enhanced the value of its holdings enormously. The stock rose by leaps and bounds of 50 points a day.

Then the trustees decided to issue a stock dividend of 100 new shares for each old share. Against each new share stands approximately an acre of valuable land.

The new shares rose to-day over a dollar to 35.16 dollars, equal to nearly £800 for each of the old shares.

to say direct pressure over the mouth and nostrils.

Did you form any opinion as to whether this direct pressure was applied when the woman was conscious or unconscious?—Yes, when she was unconscious, as there was very little bruising, very slight on the tip of the tongue.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury also said there were certain indications when coal gas poisoning was a cause of death. He found no trace of that.

Cross-examined, Sir Bernard said the bruise on the temple could not have been caused by the woman striking something when falling. Some of the other bruising might have been caused by falling on articles of furniture.

Mr. Vine: If she fell face downwards on a mat in a room in which there was an escape of gas, and she lay unconscious in that position for some hours, would not that be an element in the asphyxia?

Sir Bernard: If a person dies from asphyxia following a fall on a mat, it would be within a few minutes. In such a case coal gas would be a factor.

Asked whether he had any connection with the theory that the woman died as the result of an accident falling downstairs, Sir Bernard replied: I will say frankly at once that I did not.

Mr. Vine: Have you ever expressed an opinion of this nature—that the cause of death might have been accidental?—I have not.

Mr. Vine: I accept your answers without the slightest qualification.

Sir Bernard, in further cross-examination, said it was possible that if a mat was of a certain material asphyxia might follow if a person fell face downwards upon it. He had not seen the mat in the present case.

Mr. Vine: There is no doubt it will be produced later.

## THESE SILLY WOMEN.

When a hairdresser at Southend County Court pleaded that times were hard, Judge Crawford asked: "Don't you do shingling or bobbing?"

The hairdresser said he did not cater for that sort of trade. Judge Crawford: Then it is time you did. You would soon have a few of these silly women outside your shop.

## GENT'S BOOTS AND SHOES.

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## IN ONE ROOM.

## MOST INTERESTING PLACE IN LONDON.

## KING WHO USED POOR INK.

What is the most interesting room in London? Now that the capital is filled with sightseers the question might be said to be of topical interest. But it would be hard to contest the claim of that fine stone-walled, high-roofed chamber, the Museum of the Record Office in Chancery-lane, where the light falls through the heraldic windows upon a wonderful selection of documents and objects which have contributed to history.

That single room is indeed like a distilled drop of all the history of England, and in consequence is more visited by Americans than by British, though it is open from Monday to Friday from two to four in the afternoon. Here in a case in the centre of the room is *Domesday Book* itself, or rather, for there are two of them. You can lean on the desk and see with your own eyes how Middlesex and Norfolk were inventoried in the day of the conqueror.

It is easy enough to make out

except for the abbreviations.

There is much question every-

where of pasture and how much

of it was available for sheep and

pigs. Hardly the Middlesex we know.

## Red Griffin and Salamander.

Most interesting are those documents which in some way give us an insight into the character of the writer or of the period. Here are the accounts, the household receipts of King Henry VII, amounting to £126,346 18s. 5d., with every item countersigned by the King himself. On the two pages

visible are some ten or eleven signatures of the King, rather awkwardly scrawled, like a child making pot-hooks. The King was

provided, or provided himself, with cheap links for his autographs have faded while the text is black.

The next object in the case is an indenture between the same King and the abbot of Westminster. It reads strangely to our ears, running, like any common indenture, between the King on one part and the abbot on the other, as if two business men were getting each other's vows on to paper.

It is very beautifully illuminated with the then royal arms of England, and it is worth noting that lions and unicorns did not then exist. The supporters are a red dragon or griffin and a white salamander, a saucy sort of greyhound in the illumination, with a pink collar.

These old arms of England with the fleur-de-lis in the second and fourth quarters, denoting the claim to the French throne, appear curiously in the superb ratification of the treaty made between Francis I. of France and Cardinal Wolsey on behalf of King Henry VIII, dealing with the project of marrying Princess Mary to the Duke of Orleans. It is a French royal manuscript, and yet the illuminator has introduced the English arms with the French quartering, as if it were quite accepted in France.

## Queen and Wife.

There is a very characteristic valuation made for Henry VIII. of the bishoprics and monasteries and ecclesiastical benefices of the country. There is a brightly coloured picture of the King on his throne, and below, with a sort of flourish, at the head of an index of sorts, the words *Valent, Valen*, "It is worth," "They are worth," that is, several times. It is the blushing king and his outlook on a page.

To jump the centuries, here is the original "scrap of paper" the treaty guaranteeing the independence and integrity of Belgium, with its seals and signatures. Of a different type is the census folio filled in by Queen Victoria for the Royal Family. She comes first—above the Prince Consort, of course—and for her state in life she has written "The Queen," but at the same time opposite her name, she has entered "Wife" and opposite Prince Albert's, "Head" of the family.

## 21,000 Notches.

Very curious are the old wooden tally sticks, cut from hazel, by which royal and other expenditure was kept without writing.

Notches of different characters were cut into the wood, according to the value to be recorded, twice over. A section bearing these notches was slit off and kept by the interested person as his counterfoil, the state or corporation or whatever it might be kept the main portion of the stick, called the stock. It is suggested that the word "stock" thus gained its monetary sense.

One of the tallies in the Record Office testifies to an account of £22,000, debt of George IV., as Prince of Wales. The thousand royal notches are very long, regular little scoops in the wood.

## VALUABLE STAMPS.

## THE MOST VALUABLE COLLECTION.

## £1,000 BLOCK OF "CAPES."

## Strasbourg.

The International Philatelic Exhibition, which is being held here, has been attended by collectors and dealers from all over Europe. It includes postage stamp collections of a value running into hundreds of thousands upon thousands of years has

been contributed to the collection.

Among the numerous English

collections shown the most important is the collection of "Cape of Good Hope" stamps belonging to Mr. R. F. A. Riesco, of London, who should bring the grand gold cup to England. It is without doubt the finest collection of these interesting stamps. One of his unique blocks contains three of the ordinary 1d. red stamps and one error, the 1d. red, and is worth probably more than £1,000.

Stamps Saved for France.

The Dutch stamps of Mr. A. J. Warren, of London, are well known; while Col. M. A. Studd, D.S.O., of London, can hardly be excelled for a collection of Canadian stamps.

The collection of M. Maurice

Burrus, the president of the Exhibition Committee, is probably the most valuable collection of the world, being valued at more than half a million sterling. M. Burrus is a native of Alsace, and it was his interest and patriotism that kept many stamps from the

French collection in France.

## ANCIENT RELICS.

## NEW EXCAVATIONS IN MALTA.

## ELEPHANT TUSK IN CAVE.

## Malta.

The cave known as "Ghar Dalam" (Dalam cave), in the eastern part of the island and in the homonymous valley, is again being excavated under the direction of Mr. Giuseppe Despot, M.B.E., the curator of the Malta Natural History Museum.

This cave, which until comparatively recent times was used as a cattle shelter, was originally one of those fissures so frequently met with in different parts of the island, but which the action of the water during a stretch of thousands upon thousands of years has

eroded and very considerably enlarged.

In previous excavations a large quantity of animal remains, fragments of pottery and other

fragments of stone, bronze, and

fragments of bone, were discovered under a boulder that had evidently fallen from the roof of the cave.

At a depth of about 10 feet a quantity of elephant remains was discovered, among which are a molar and a tusk 3 feet long in fairly good condition. About 2 feet

further down an irregular layer of

hippopotamus remains of every

kind has also been discovered.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

July 24, 1927.

6th Sunday After Trinity.

Holy Communion (8 a.m.)

Matins (11 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cunnell.

Litanies for the Sick (12 noon).

Evensong (4 p.m.)

Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

Social Gathering after Evensong.

Music & Light Refreshments.

Monday, July 25, St. James.

Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m.

From the fossil animal remains found in the soil of the cave (most of them of pachyderms and other animals) scientists have inferred that these islands are the remains of a landbridge which once connected Europe with Africa.

It is the molars of the Neanderthal man, an extinct species who must have inhabited these islands.

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## PRINCE OF WALES.

## AN "ABSID" SPANISH REPORT.

An authoritative denial of the rumoured engagement of the Prince of Wales to Princess Beatrice of Spain was given by a highly placed official. He said there was no warrant whatever for the report published in Spain, and quoted in this country, to the effect that the Prince was about to become engaged to the Infanta Beatrice.

The report added that the two Royal families had approved the match; that the King and Queen of Spain were coming to England shortly in connection with it; and that the Spanish Ambassador in London was giving a ball in honour of the prospective union. It was recalled by the official that a very similar report had been published on at least two previous occasions, on each of which it called forth an emphatic denial.

"The reports were untrue, then, and they are still untrue," he said. "I am astonished that such an absurd report should have been revived. There is absolutely no truth in the story."

## MR. CHAPLIN'S WEALTH.

## HIS OWN ESTIMATE ONLY £250,000.

Mr. Charlie Chaplin, the film comedian, filed at Los Angeles an answer and counter-charges to the suit for divorce brought against him by his wife, Lila Grey Chaplin. He denied emphatically the sensational charges levelled against him.

In particular he declared his relations with the film actresses named by his wife were of a purely professional character. He depicted his wife as a "calculating" young woman, an inattentive wife and indifferent mother, as a free imitator of liquors, and as having been infatuated since her marriage with two men. His remonstrances, he said, brought from her the statement that she no longer loved him and that she desired a divorce and settlement.

He estimated his total fortune at £260,000, whereas his wife had estimated it at £1,200,000.

From the date of his marriage he had received, he said, a salary of £50,000 a year as director, but his net income did not exceed £2,400 a year.

Mr. Chaplin is now at Atlantic City, and his plans for a visit to England are still somewhat nebulous.

## COSTLY DISPENSATION.

## £2,000 FEE LEADS TO A LAWSUIT.

When Prince Edward Lobkowitz became engaged to marry Miss Anita Lihme, of Cleaago, he became Catholic and she Protestant, it became necessary to procure a papal dispensation, as she would not consent to children of the marriage being brought up as Catholics.

The Prince applied to Count Vetter von der Lille, formerly councillor of the Austrian Legation at the Vatican, who agreed to obtain the dispensation for £2,000, to include expense. Count Vetter introduced Dr. Kammerer, a Vienna advocate, who went to Rome and obtained not only the papal dispensation but the papal blessing for the young couple.

Count Vetter and his secretary, Dr. Skrein, have brought an action against Dr. Kammerer to recover £1,600. They say they promised him £200, which he must obtain from America in addition to the £2,000. The expenses were about £400.

Dr. Kammerer stated in court that he spent six weeks in Rome and did all the work, and that he never made any agreement with Count Vetter and Dr. Skrein, and owes them nothing. The case was adjourned.

## WHAT AMERICA READS.

There is in America now a vast new democratic public, writes Mr. Hugh Walpole in "The Nation." This public wishes to read and render almost anything that comes its way. One result of this is the great increase in America of cheap and shoddy magazines. While "Harper's" and "Scribner's" and "The Forum" and "The Golden Book" maintain a fine standard, the railway bookstalls and the smaller newspaper shops are flooded with terrible publications, "Sex Stories," "True Love Magazine," "True Adventures" and the magazines of Mr. Macfadden filled with photographs of nude ladies emphasizing the necessity of physical fitness. There are also what are known as the "tabloid" newspapers of New York and Chicago, illustrated dailies in form resembling our "Daily Mirror" and "Daily Sketch" but in content filled with the vilest and roughest of illustrations and letterpress; these sell in millions.

There is an ever-increasing competition for the retail trade of the country.—Sir Harry Greer.

## BURIED CITY.

## EXCAVATION WORK BEGINS AT HERCULANEUM.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy on May 16 realised a century-old scientist's dream by inaugurating the excavation of the buried city of Herculaneum, says the British United Press.

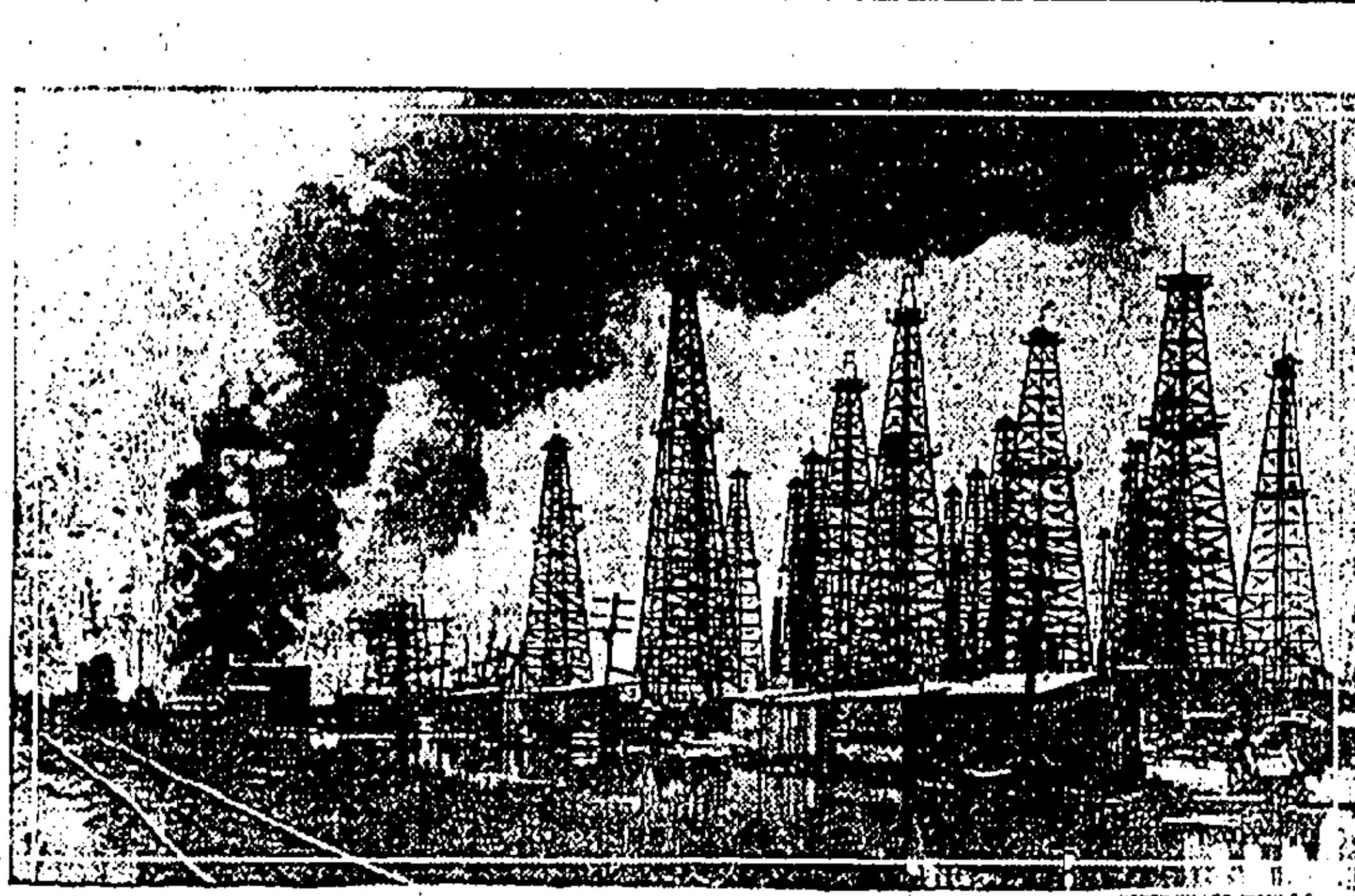
He arrived at Naples in the royal yacht, and motored over to the site.

Against the background of the slopes of Vesuvius were gathered the archaeologists, engineers, and workmen who will give back to the world the buried treasures that lie hidden in Herculaneum, sister-city to Pompeii.

King Victor took out the first shovelful of earth. The work is considered to be one of the most important archaeological undertakings of modern times.

There are those who believe that the lost books of Livy may at last see the light of day, and that some, if not all, of Sappho's priceless odes may be unearthed to enrich the poetry and spiritual wealth of the world.

It was stated at the inquest that he had a flourishing business.



Thousands of barrels of oil going up in smoke as a result of the ignition of a wild running gusher in the Spindletop Field near Beaumont, Texas.

## A BAR TO MARRIAGE.

## "SPIRITUAL AFFINITY" IN SERBIA.

A distressing crime, which shows considerable light on Serbian social ideas, has occurred here. A young workman of twenty, named Georgevitch, was seen walking in the evening, happily enough with a sixteen-year-old girl to whom his father had been a god-parent; and a few minutes later rushed to the nearest police-station to say he had killed her. She was found lying in the road with a knife sticking out from her breast. It transpired, from the youth's story, that the young couple had for some time been desperately in love. Their respective parents, seeing them constantly together, did not at first suspect that it was more than a friendship of "kourns," or god-relations; but when they at last realised the truth they were filled with indignation and horror; as all those who are bound by this spiritual tie are in Serbia regarded in the same light as blood-relations.

In the eyes of orthodox Serbians, marriage between the young man and the girl would have been equivalent to incest.

It was the despair which took possession of young Georgevitch when he realised that not only the Church, but all his own relations and the girl's and the opinion of society were against him that drove him to take the desperate step for which he will now probably pay with a term of several years' hard labour.

## SUDDEN DEATH.

## PEER WHO MARRIED MME. STEINHEIL.

Lord Abinger died suddenly on his estate at Ewhurst, Surrey, aged fifty-one.

He had exceptionally good health, but was taken ill while in the woods on his estate and died shortly afterwards. The heir to the barony is a brother, the Hon. Hugh Richard Scarlett.

Lord Abinger succeeded to the title on the death of his brother in May, 1917. A month after he came into the title he married Mme. Steinheil, the beautiful Frenchwoman, whose name was familiar to everyone, eight, or nine years previously in connection with the tragedy in her Paris home, where her husband and her mother were found murdered.

Mme. Steinheil was gagged and bound, and she declared that the outrage and murder had been committed by burglars. She was arrested and charged with murder, but was acquitted after a sensational trial.

After the ordeal Mme. Steinheil adopted the name of de Serignac, and settled in England to live in peace and rebuild her health.

She resided in the Tulse Hill district, and it was in the Roupell Park Wesleyan Church, Brixton, that her marriage to Lord Abinger took place.

## SUICIDE IN A BATH.

## MAN WHO SUFFERED IN SILENCE.

Suicide while of unsound mind was the verdict returned at Wandsworth on William G. H. Allen (58), boot manufacturer, Hazelwell Road, Putney, who was found dead in an empty bath with his throat cut. In a letter to his wife he said:

"Although I have not said much, I have not been feeling well for a considerable time, and did not appear to make any improvement. I am losing my grip on my work. I want to thank you for your kindness, help, and cheerful company during our long life together. No man could have a better wife and heir. I feel I have made a very inadequate return for all your kindness to me, and deeply regret I have proved such a failure. Try to forget all the trouble I have caused you."

It was stated at the inquest that he had a flourishing business.

## RABBIT SKIN RUSH.

## TRAPPERS WHO EARN £30 A WEEK.

The old joke about Scotsmen being numerous in Australia, but rabbits being the country's worst pest, seems to need revision, for the rodents are now providing by means of their fur quite a considerable export trade.

A large sum of money is spent yearly in an effort to stamp out the rabbits, which do great damage to crops, but now an army of trappers is at work trying to meet the demand for skins, particularly from the United States. In some cases, it is said, they earn as much as £30 a week.

A Canadian Government liner recently sailed from Sydney carrying more than 1,000,000 skins, and an even larger consignment will probably be despatched a week hence. It is expected that the demand will be still larger during the next few years, so that the rabbits may compensate with their skins to some extent for the losses caused by their teeth.

## NIGHT ON A MAST.

## SAILOR DROWNED AFTER HELPING BOY.

A graphic story of the sea was told by Pierre Quintre, the 14-years-old apprentice of the fishing-boat Dixmude, which was lost off the Isle-de-Sei, near Brest.

When the boat sank 3 injured men were drowned. Pierre Quintre climbed up the mast, which remained above water, where he found a sailor named Kerdreux holding on. Kerdreux gave the boy a piece of rope with which he lashed himself to the mast.

In about an hour Kerdreux became exhausted and, after saying goodbye, disappeared in the raging waters. Quintre had tried to hold his companion first with one hand and then with the other, but in vain, and he would himself have been carried away but for the rope which Kerdreux gave him.

He remained in this position all night with the waves constantly washing over him. At 7.30 a boat steered by with an 80-years-old fisherman named Tenniou on board.

The boy cast off the rope and tried to reach an oar which was thrown towards him, but his strength failed and he sank. He was saved, however, with a boat hook.

## POSED AS POLICEMAN.

## MAN WITH A "KINK" AND A YOUNG COUPLE.

A man who was said to have a "kink" about the police, William Reed, aged 36, a labourer, was charged on remand at West Ham Police Court with posing as a policeman and being in possession of firearms.

According to the evidence, Reed one evening went up to a young man and woman who were sitting in a field at Barking-side and told them he had "got them" for trespassing, and that he had "got people months and you will get it." He took their names and addresses and later called on the young woman's mother. He showed her a revolver and said he wanted to see the young woman.

It was arranged that he should call again, and when he did so he was confronted by two police officers, who arrested him.

Detective-Sergeant Crispin said Reed seemed to have a "kink" about the police. He had relations in the force and had been himself turned down on account of his education; but he had still an idea that he was a policeman. Reed, added the officer, had a wonderful character for work from his employers.

Mr. St. John Morrow, taking into account the fact that he had a good character and that probably he had a "kink," fined Reed £5 or 31 days' imprisonment.

## HER MAJESTY THE CAT.

"As nervous as a cat" is a com-mon-place, and yet a cat is a most self-possessed animal, not half so emotional as a dog. Pedestrians on the Barrowhead Road, Peterborough, lately were amused to see a small kitten hold up a huge lorry. The driver pulled up so quickly that the startled horse was almost forced to its hind legs. There, in the middle of the wide road, a tiny cat sat demurely playing with its tail, and it had to be gently lifted aside by the lorryman before traffic could be resumed.

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## BOTTOM FALLS OUT OF BOTTLE.

As a bottle of ether was being carried by an errand boy into the process room at Messrs. Blades, East and Blades' premises in Leonard-street, E.C., the bottom of the bottle fell out and its contents burst into flames, fatally burning the lad.

This was stated at the inquest on Stanley George Stark, 16, of Benyon-road, Southgate-road, N., when the jury recorded a verdict of accidental death.

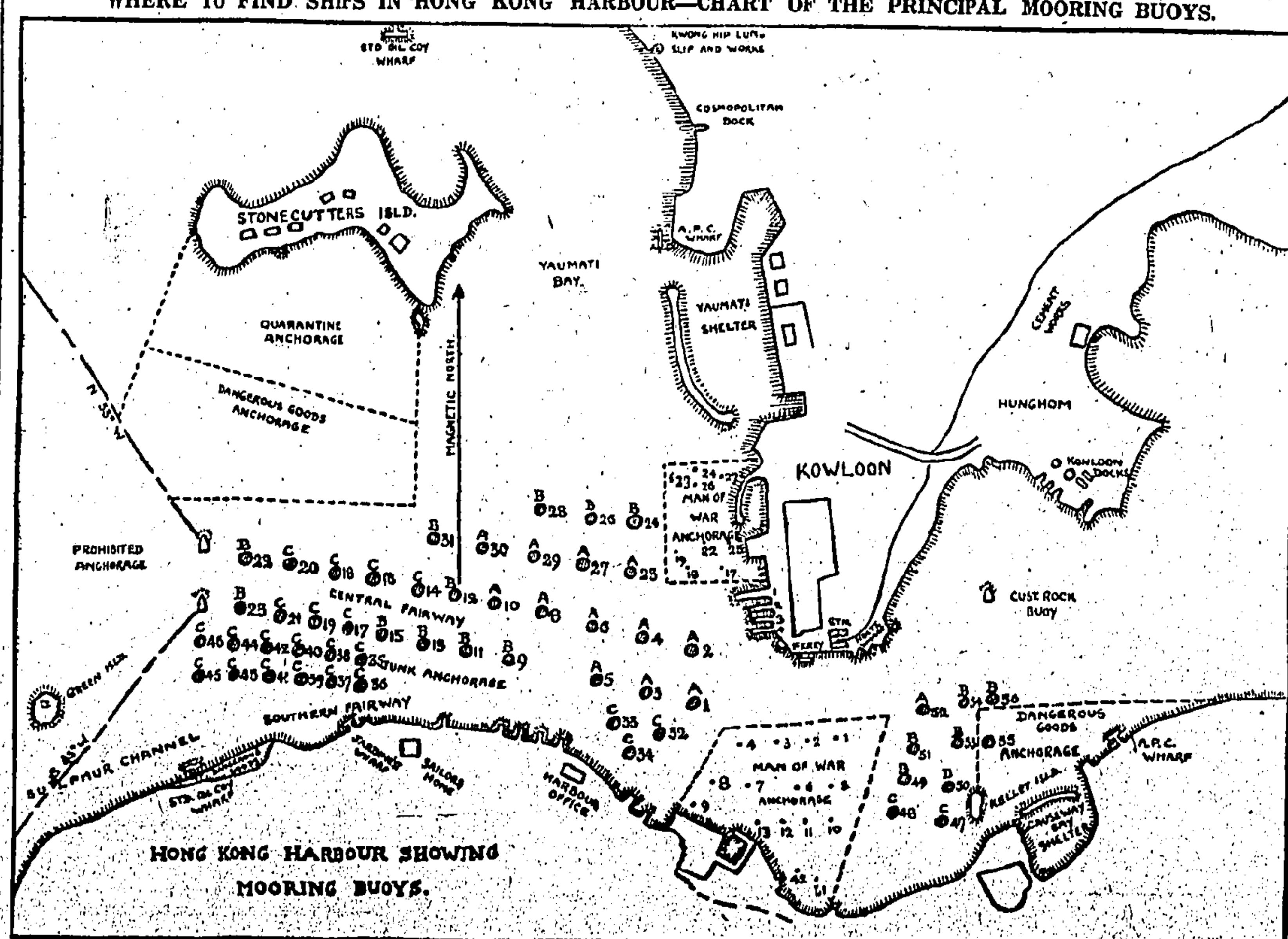
A rider was added that proper regulations should be made for the safe manufacture, transit and storage of such an inflammable substance.

Mr. Under-Sheriff T. Howard Deighton, for the firm, expressed Messrs. Blades' deep regret at the accident, and said that Sir G. Rowland and Lady Blades had at once gone round to see the boy in the hospital. They took a particular interest in the welfare of their staff.

Mr. William Hunt, an employee, said that there was a lighted gas ring in the room used for drying photographic glass. The temperature of the room must have been about 80 degrees; and he thought it was a change of temperature that caused the bottom of the bottle to fall out. The gas ring was not more than two feet from the boy when he passed it.

Mr. John Crowder, departmental manager to Messrs. Blades, stated that they had considered the highly inflammable nature of ether and had put it in stronger containers. He had not known that ether was so dangerous.

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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

### A BRAVE GIRL.

Seeing a cottage on fire at Bartley, in the New Forest, a girl aged 20, dashed in to warn the occupants, and found an elderly man lying unconscious. She dragged him into the open air, and, though the thatched roof was ablaze, set to work to remove furniture.

President Calles has ordered gambling houses throughout Mexico to be closed. It is stated that the order is intended mainly to effect reforms in towns along the United States border, since comparatively few gambling houses operate openly in towns in the interior.

Mr. Fred Barnes, the comedian, has married Miss Rose Tyson, an Australian heiress and one of the daughters of the late Mr. James Tyson, the millionaire station owner of Australia. The marriage (Mr. Barnes said) took place by special licence in his own flat in Clifton Villas, Maida Vale.

### EDUCATING ILLITERATE CONVICTS.

In consequence of the large number of illiterates among criminals in Turkish prisons the authorities are going to start a course of instruction for such prisoners. They are to be taught at least to read and write. If the Board of Education has its way no prisoner will be discharged, whatever his sentence, until he knows his alphabet.

A donation of 100,000 Dutch florins has been made by the president of the Netherlands Society for Wireless Telegraphy as the nucleus of a fund to provide an annual prize for any member of the society, who "by an invention or any new method contributes in the widest sense of the word toward the advancement of the science and technique of wireless communication."

A young woman who attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself from the first platform of the Eiffel Tower in Paris suffered no worse injury than a fractured thigh. After falling 20ft. she struck against one of the girders and remained suspended from it by her dress, in an unconscious condition, 160ft. above the ground. Firemen had to climb the framework of the tower in order to rescue her.

### BRITISH PREFERRED.

Preference is to be given to British applicants in making appointments to the nursing staff at the Coventry Infirmary. Two positions as ward sisters at the infirmary having fallen vacant, the guardians twice advertised, but without success.

A third advertisement, however, brought replies from two Italian women living in Rome. Both had had British nursing experience, and one stated that she could speak four languages—English, Italian, French, and German.

The guardians seriously considered inviting these two applicants to come on trial, but it was then pointed out that two British nurses had in the meantime applied.

It was accordingly decided that they should be given the first chance, and they are to be invited to an interview.

### EDINBURGH PICTURE-HOUSE FIRE.

The Palace Picture House, Princes Street, Edinburgh, which has been seriously damaged by fire, will, it was stated, have to be closed "for a time." The cafe, which is under the street level, did not suffer except from water damage, and business in it has not been suspended.

It is estimated that the damage done amounts to between £4,000 and £5,000.

When it was closed on Saturday night about eleven o'clock everything seemed to be in order, but six hours later smoke was seen issuing from the building. When the fire brigade arrived it was found that the outbreak had taken place in the seats at the rear of the balcony, and that floor and roof were involved.

It is suspected that the fire was caused by an unextinguished cigarette which had been thrown down.

### NEGROES BURNT AT STAKE.

Two Louisville negroes who were arrested for shooting dead a saw-mill superintendent were taken from a police officer by a mob of 1,000 persons and burnt at the stake. The mob paraded the streets of the town with their victims before making them fast to the pyre.

The new postage stamps of the Palestine Government have for their designs the Holy Places and scenes in the country.

Miss Sarah Dhar, who has just been called to the Bar in England, is the second lady member of the Bar from Burma.

Among 59,464 new settlers in Australia last year were 42,219 from Great Britain, an increase of 4,623 compared with 1925.

### LAMP POST ADVERTISING.

It has been decided by the Paris Municipal Council that lamp-posts shall be let to business organisations anxious to affix on them signs to show the public the way to their establishments.

An attempt is to be made to swim the channel by the 13-year-old American Zitzenfeld twin sisters, Berenice and Phyllis.

"Every child of 12 in Russia knows twice as much as a child in Britain"—Mr. A. J. Cook. But the quality of the knowledge was not stated.

Mrs. Winifred Kiek is to be ordained a minister of the South Australian Congregational Church. She will be the first woman to be ordained in Australia.

The "Times" Geneva Correspondent telegraphs that the first ascent of the Wetterhorn this season was made by Mr. K. Latham, a visitor from East Africa, with two Grindelwald guides.

It was found that convicts in the Central Prison in Sofia had made a tunnel over 100ft. long in hopes of escaping through it. Several of the warders have been arrested.

The Very Rev. Dr. John Smith, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, died suddenly in an office at Glasgow where he had gone for a war memorial trust meeting.

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### DANGEROUS HOUSES.

I have just been reading the saying of a gypsy—one of those well-to-do nomads who go to Epsom for a holiday, who own houses of their own, but prefer the life of the road (says "Morning Post" writer). "What we fear," said he, "is settling down in a house and dying there." That of course, is how the foolish Gorgon meet their fate.

They live for a while in houses, and sooner or later perish miserably thereon. Look at the number of people who die annually in houses.

It was Mark Twain, I think, who wrote of the danger of lying in bed. Statistics had shown him that the vast majority of people died in bed, and this convinced him that bed must be a highly dangerous place.

It may be that the gypsy has a like feeling about a house. There is one always at the mercy of callers; the caravan is ever moving on and if the wielder of the abhorred shears comes upon the place where it has rested maybe she will not at the moment pursue the quest. There is something pleasant in the idea of the endless pilgrimage which shall keep death tolling behind.

### GREAT DAM IN JAMAICA.

The Hermitage Dam, near Kingston, Jamaica, which has been constructed by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Ltd., is situated at a point 1,688ft. above sea level, and is 12ft. in height and 673ft. in length, and varies in thickness from 30ft. to 100ft. at the base. It will impound about 500,000,000 gallons of water, with a surface area of 87 acres, drawn from a drainage area above the dam of approximately six square miles. The reservoir so formed is intended chiefly as a source of supply for Kingston and St. Andrews in periods of drought, but it will also be used to increase their ordinary water facilities. In spite of difficulties of access, which made it necessary to construct a railway over two miles in length, the work was completed without undue incident or interruption.

### BLESSING A BELL.

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Henry VIII.

### FREUD IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

Vienna, June 7.

The interesting question of whether medical men may treat a patient psycho-analytically was dealt with in Court the other day. Dr. Theodor Reik, a pupil of Professor Freud's had treated the California lawyer, Dr. Newton Murphy, who alleged that Dr. Reik (who is not a physician) injured his health badly. Professor Freud stated in evidence that, owing to lack of time, he sent Dr. Murphy to Dr. Reik, pointing out to the American lawyer that Dr. Reik was not a physician, but a philosopher, who would not treat him medically but psycho-analytically.

Psycho-analysis, Professor Freud argued, was no longer a mere medical question. The Court interrogated some eminent medical experts, who opposed analysis by laymen, on the ground that only

persons with a general knowledge of medicine and of neurotic diseases were able to judge whether a case was fit for psycho-analytical treatment.

In consequence of Mr. Murphy's statement to the police that he had always been in good health and wanted a course of psycho-analysis only in order to practise it in America, the Public Prosecutor declared that he had no longer any reason to maintain the charge, and the case was dismissed.

### LONG ARM OF THE LAW.

Joseph Foster, who was arrested at Hamilton (New Zealand) recently in connection with the disappearance of a mailbag containing £10,000 in Treasury notes which was stolen in transit between Cardiff and London on the night of February 2, appeared before the magistrate at Wellington (New Zealand) recently and was remanded pending the arrival of warrants and documents from England. Bail was refused.

Mrs. Campbell, widow of Colonel J. E. Campbell, has given between 600 and 700 acres of land in Calgary, Canada, to be used at Lord Haig's discretion to help ex-Service settlers.

The ex-Service Men's International held a meeting in Brussels at which after very lively debates, a "split" occurred between Socialist and Communist members. The International is now divided into two sections.

At Anglesey Assizes Mr. Justice Roche ordered a witness in a slander action to be kept in custody during the luncheon hour for having attempted to speak to a plaintiff while he was giving evidence.

### THEATRE GOER OF 101.

At the invitation of Sir Alfred Butt, Mrs. Charles Morton, widow of Charles Morton, the manager of the Palace Theatre, celebrated her 101st birthday by witnessing "The Desert Song" at Drury Lane Theatre.

Mrs. I. H. Moss, of Melbourne, will be a member of the Australian delegation to the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva in September. She is one of the founders of the Australian Women's National League.

An official report on deaths caused by wild animals in Burma during the past year states that snakes claimed 1,169 victims, tigers 38, leopards and panthers 7, elephants 5, crocodiles 4, bison 3, wild pig 1, and the Tucktul lizard 1.

Paddling at Sheerness with her sisters, a girl trod upon a large fish, which, when killed, was found to be nearly five feet long, with jaws more than two feet across. It weighed over a hundredweight, and is described by longshoremen as a monk-fish.

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The "J-Pans" are a modest party of amateur entertainers and their avowals of mediocrity in the opening chorus were belied in every item that formed part of the interesting programme given at the City Hall last night by Miss V. Capell's talented Company.

The concert was arranged by Miss Capell in conjunction with the City Hall Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee. The hall was filled with Service men.

The programme was opened by the band of the 1st Cameronians and particular interest attached to the first item "The Covenanters" in that it was the composition of the conductor, Mr. Horace E. Dowell, I.R.A.M. This pleasing March met with an enthusiastic response and was followed by two Hungarian Dances (Brahm) and selections from Harry Lauder's songs in which the Service men joined heartily in the choruses. The men were loth to let the band go. As the conductor said, "the indications are that you like a bit of 'real Scotch,' and it would appear that you want a 'wee drapplie mair.'"

Some "Catchy" Choruses.

The "J-Pans" then took the stage and after the introductory chorus, little Miss Glendinning greatly charmed the audience with a pretty dance in which she was the very embodiment of the Spirit of the Water Lily. A "goy" song in which the audience joined enthusiastically in the chorus was that of Mr. T. V. Harmon — "A Bachelor Gay." This and other choruses were conveniently printed on the programme, a happy thought which added greatly to the success of the evening.

The dances by the Misses P. Gittins, M. Gittins, P. Capell and E. Rose were most gracefully performed and another clever entertainer, Miss C. Xavier, also greatly pleased the audience with her naive appeals which made it difficult for many to remain in their seats.

Miss Capell's Success.

Miss V. Capell was the soul and spirit of the Company with such items as "Runnin' Wild," which was rendered with a dramatic realism which met with well merited applause; in the leadership of the gallant band of "Sailors" in the Hornpipe dance, and in the "Maison Lyon's" skirt. In her dance to Chopin's Waltz and her items with Mr. C. D. Lake she caught the spirit of the pieces most effectively.

Mr. H. Glover has a pleasing voice which was well suited to the songs chosen and his items contributed considerably to the success of the entertainment. Miss Vaughan at the piano, Miss B. Walker, Miss I. Schierhorst, Miss D. Capell, Mr. A. W. Ramsey, Mr. E. P. Lenfesty, Mr. G. Arnold and Mr. G. Bond were other artistes who gave valuable support.

The Cameronian's Band gave the following additional items: Humorous Sketch "A Southern Wedding" (Loller) and Fantasia on a Squire's Song (Squire).

Prizes Presented.

Prizes were presented to holders of lucky number tickets by Miss V. Capell, on behalf of the Committee. These prizes were collected by Mrs. Costen on behalf of the Committee and were donated by the following: British American Tobacco Company, Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., G. Falcone & Co., Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., Hong Kong Tramways Ltd., Hotel Savoy, Kelly and Walsh Ltd., A. S. Watson and Co., and Wing On Co., Ltd.

The City Hall Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee, under whose auspices the concert was arranged, consists of Messrs. L. E. Hopkins (Chairman), H. T. Buxton (Hon. Secretary), W. A. Hannibal, G. W. C. Burnett, F. M. Crawford, T. V. Harmon, Mrs. W. T. Costen and Mrs. Younghusband.

At the "Cheer O." An excellent concert arranged by Mrs. A. T. Hamilton was given at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. (Chater Road) last night. A new singer who greatly pleased the audience was Mrs. Robson.

### EMPIRE TOUR.

GREAT SEND-OFF FOR MR. AMERY.

CROWDS OF WELL-WISHERS.

Rugby, July 22. Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies, had a great send-off at Waterloo Station to-day when he

started on his six months' tour of the Empire. He is going first from Southampton to South Africa in the s.s. "Arundel" (Captain Hillegrail) about it. In the morning the engineer-room hands who had behaved well throughout the typhoon, refused work. It was clear, according to the officers, that these men were influenced by the seamen several of whom were loitering on the hatches. One of them was actually saying a lot of things to the engineer-room hands. To prevent trouble the Captain ordered that this man be placed in irons. When two of the officers attempted to carry out this order, there was a struggle, and then nine of the seamen rushed at the Officers and what was described as a "big fight" ensued, in which the two Officers were struck.

The police flag was flown and the crew all went ashore.

When the police arrived, the Third Officer pointed out the two ringleaders of the disturbance, and they were taken into custody, one of them in the handcuffs with which the Officers had secured him during the struggle.

On Thursday morning the two men were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with assaulting the Chief Engineer (Mr. Greeuw) and the Third Officer (Mr. Nannik).

After the Officers had given evidence, the accused claimed that the period for which they had signed on had expired and they were entitled to be paid off. The officers had no right to detain them and place them in irons.

The Third Officer said that the men were signed on in January for 12 months, but there was a clause in the articles whereby the men could be paid off at the first Chinese port they touched after they had completed six months' service.

The accused' contention was that they were originally signed on in Hong Kong and therefore were entitled to be paid off in Hong Kong.

The Magistrate remanded the case until to-day when articles were produced in Court by the Third Officer and further evidence.

The King says:—

"For the peace of the country I have sacrificed my fatherly desire to see him again and I charge him to keep his promise and not return without permission of the Government."—Reuter.

Prince Carol's Future.

The "Matin" states that Prince Carol has authorised a declaration that he is most affected and sad at the death of his father.

He cannot express any opinions of the new situation. He telegraphed yesterday to the Royal Family expressing a desire to attend his father's funeral, but hitherto there has been no reply.

The "Matin" interprets this to mean that Prince Carol has not renounced his rights, but still hopes to ascend the Throne.—Reuter.

PARIS, July 22.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended July 16 shows the following cases of disease:

Plague:—1 case at Port Said; 5 cases at Bassein.

Cholera:—2 cases at Bombay; 13 cases at Calcutta; 1 case at Bangkok; 2 cases at Saigon; 3 cases at Canton.

Small-pox:—18 cases at Bombay; 19 cases at Calcutta; 1 case at Karachi; 1 case at Madras; 8 cases at Rangoon; 2 cases at Suez; 2 cases at Moulmein; 3 cases at Negapatam.

It is notified in the current "Gazette" that, at the expiration of three months, the Honourable Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the company will be dissolved.

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